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18th Jan.	OCEANA	8610		
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11th „	EGYPT	7912		
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DUMBEA	5,686	Boyer	14th May „
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2. To declare a Dividend.
3. To pass the following Resolution :—

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4. To confirm the appointment of Mr. Dorabjee Jamsetjee Tata as a Director, and to elect Directors for the ensuing year in the place of Sir Sassoon David and Sir Cowasjee Jehangir who retire by rotation, but are eligible for re-election.
5. To elect Auditors for the ensuing year and to fix their remuneration.

NOTICE is also given that the SHARE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Bank will be CLOSED from the 1st to the 17th proximo, both days inclusive.

H. P. STRINGFELLOW,
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NOTIFICATION.

NOTICE is hereby given to the Public that the right, title and interest of Messrs. GORDHAN KALYANJI and JETHALAL KALYANJI have CEASED, as from TUESDAY, Magsir Sud 6th Samvat year 1964 (English date 10th December 1907), in the firm of SHA GIRDHARDAS MADHAVJI, which was formerly carried on in partnership by my client SHA GIRDHARDAS MADHAVJI, with one KALYANJI PARSHOTAM, and after the death of the said Kalyanji Parshotam with his sons the said Gordhan Kalyanji and Jethalal Kalyanji under the name and style of Sha Girdhardas Madhavji, in Bombay, and wherein my client the said Sha Girdhardas Madhavji has been the sole capitalist partner and the said Kalyanji Parshotam and Gordhan Kalyanji and Jethal l Kalyanji, or either of them, have or has never contributed anything at all towards the capital of the said firm "Sha Girdhardas Madhavji," and that the said Gordhan Kalyanji and Jethalal Kalyanji have no manner of connection or concern whatsoever directly or indirectly with the said firm of Sha Girdhardas Madhavji and that the said firm of Sha Girdhardas Madhavji is the sole property of and is being conducted by my said client Sha Girdhardas Madhavji, on his sole personal risk and account since the said Magsir Sud 6th Samvat year 1964, Tuesday (10th December, 1907). The public are Hereby WARNED against dealing in anywise with the said Gordhan Kalyanji and Jethalal Kalyanji, in the name of the said firm "Sha Girdhardas Madhavji." If any person or persons in anywise deal with or enter into contract with the said Gordhan Kalyanji and Jethalal Kalyanji or either of them in the name of and on behalf and account of the said firm "Sha Girdhardas Madhavji," of my said client Sha Girdhardas Madhavji, he, she or they will do so at his, her or their own risk and account and my said client will not be responsible for the same.—Dated this 13th January, 1908.

SADASHANKAR M. BHAT,
Vakil for SHA GIRDHARDAS MADHAVJI.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY.

TESTAMENTARY AND INTESTATE JURISDICTION.

EDWARD VII, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India.

Petition for Letters of Administration of the property and credits of BUIMABAI, widow of VITHOBA MADDEV SHRIKHANDE, late of Bombay, Lingayat Hindu Inhabitant, Flower Merchant, deceased.

RASHINATH VITHOBA SHRIKHANDE, son of the abovenamed deceased, of Bombay, Lingayat Hindu inhabitant, Flower Merchant, residing at No. 182, Khambatwadi street, outside the Fort... Petitioner.

ALL PERSONS claiming to have any interest in the Estate of the abovenamed deceased are hereby cited to come and see the proceedings if they think fit before the Grant of Letters of Administration

Witness, Sir LAWRENCE H. JENKINS, K. C. I. E., Chief Justice at Bombay, aforesaid, this Eleventh day of January in the year of our Lord One thousand Nine hundred and Eight and in the Seventh year of our Reign.

L. N. BANAJEE,
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The Seal of the High Court at Bombay.

A. M. KAJIJI.
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THE steamer Amaryllis, 2,587 tons, Captain G W Lash, arrived in harbour on the 12th instant from Calcutta, with a cargo of coal.

THE B I S N Co's steamer Linga, 948 tons, Captain R J Rickford, sailed yesterday for Karachi &c, with a general cargo and passengers.

THE B I S N Co's steamer Orissa, 3,525 tons, Captain R Kellali, sailed yesterday for Calcutta via coast ports, with a general cargo.

THE Japan line steamer Riojun Maru, 2,979 tons Captain T Irisawa, which arrived in harbour on Sunday from Kobe, brought a general cargo and 2 deck passengers.

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VESSELS IN THE HARBOUR—JAN. 13

Amaryllis .....2587 Loch .....Tejpal & Co
Alberto Treves ..2446 Trows .....S C Italiana
Buccra .....1205 Hadelius .....B A Wills
Calabaria .....2509 Tocgle .....London .....P & O Co
Euphrates .....Steve ns .....J M & C
Elbe .....2494 Harrison .....
Lapwing .....911 Le Mesie .....B & P S N Co
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VESSELS IN DOCK—JAN. 13

PRINCE'S DOCK.

Vessel.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination.	Date.	Agents
A Q in Wasloonah	31	Hayward	...C'cong	18-1	F Major & Co
C & R Mellvley Hall	2235	Nuttal	.....N F	.....	K Nixon & Co
G Mashtari	1119	Gore	...Mauritius	17-1	B & P S N Co
H President	3547	Tepo	.....Zbar	.....	19-1 A Strandy
K Shah H	640	Hosfam	.....Jeddah	14-1	B & P S N Co
M Majid	1859	Coates	...Mauritius	18-1	08 B & P S N Co
N Grantley Hall	2586	Lewis	... Newport	18-1	K Nixon & Co
O Beejestang	2985	Tufe	.....Zbar	.....	14-1 A Strandy
P Singapore	2755	T ylor	...N F	25-1	W & A Graham & Co
Q Mozaffari	1357	M lony	.....	.....	N F B & P S N Co

Off-side M

Shah Amser .....1922 Pilling .....N F..... H A Hassan
H W P D

Satrunji .....547 Hossain ..... G Ports .....16-1 Bo S N Co
Sarasvati .....443 Ahm d..... Kelli ..... 14-1 Bo S N Co

ARRIVAL.

Jan.	Vessel.	Commander.	Destination.
12	Amaryllis s	Lash	Calcutta Jan 2

DEPARTURES.

Jan.	Vessel.	Commander.	From.
13	Narbudda s	Williams	Persian Gulf &c
	Orissa s	Keddie	Calcutta &c

The steamer Scarthoe, Clegg, for Calcutta &c obtained her portclearance yesterday.

The following vessels began to load yesterday:—

Steamer Britannia for Liverpool &c
" Riojun Maru for Kobe &c
" Delta for China &c
" Santhia for Calcutta &c

DAILY EXPORTS.—JAN. 13.

FOR LIVERPOOL.

Britannia s—35 bales wool; M Ramjeedas 202 cwts cotton-seed, Ralli Bros; 385 tons oil-cake, The New Mofussil Company; 25 bales wool, E D Sassoon and Co, 50 bales wool, D Nagjee and Co, 51 bales wool, Narsee Khatav, 25 bales wool, M Ramjeedas, 3,240 cwts cotton, Ralli Brothers, 37 bales wool, Ramjeedas.

Zoroaster s—503 cwts myrabolams, W Becher; 206 cwts oil-cakes, N Gordhandas.

FOR LONDON.

Oceana s—200 bags rice, P and O Co; 250 cwts Olibanum, a Chagla and Co; 70 cwts mother of pearl shells, E Mohomed; 60 cwts Cashewnuts, R Joswandas and Co; 22 casks condiments, M Poonjisjee and Sons; 8 sales hides, H A Oomer; 30 bales skins, R Molobhoy, 97 bales skins, E D Sassoon and Co; 111 bales skins, A H Mahomed and Co; 5 bales skins, H Noormahomed and H Essa.

Kybfels s—2,000 cwts linseed, Shaw Wallace and Co, 100 bales hemp, R Reeve and Co, 100 bales hemp, G Madhowjee and Co.

FOR MANCHESTER.

Britanic s—33bales twist, E D Sassoon and Co; 10 bales twist, David Sassoon and Co.

FOR HAVRE.

Zoroaster s—100 bales cotton, Prior de Saone and Co, 100 bales cotton, E Spinner and Co; 2,00 cwts teelseed, Shaw Wallace and Co; 2,110 cwts myrabollams, W Becher; 2 bales cotton prints, the Ajmere Import and Export Co, 102 bales cotton, Ralli Bros.

FOR HAMBURG.

Kybfels s—50 bales hemp, R Reeve and Co, 456 bales cot on, Ralli Brothers, 1 020, cwts Myrabolams Ebjie Oomersey, 2,000 cwts gingellyseed, Jebangir Cama and Co, 2 cwts Cowgate, A Mayer, 2,000 cwts c storseed, Shaw Wallace and Co, 3,000 cwts t nemeal, R Kalerbhoy, 145 bales hemp D M Doongaji and C., 75 bales hemp F Tajbhoy Co, 840 bales cotton Ralli Brothers, 100 bales cotton, J C Tallawalla, 100 bales cotton, Tyabjee and Co, 10 bales hemp G Madhowji and Co, 1,485 bales cotton, 3,000 cwts gingellyseed, Volkart Bros, 200 cwts turmeric, Bauer and Krause.

FOR ANTWERP.

Singapore s—80 bales he np, E Tajbhoy and Co.

FOR BREMEN.

Kybfels s—110 bales c tton, Volkart Brothers, 2,000 cwts gingellyseed, Bauer and Krause.

FOR MARSEILLES.

Britannia s—704 cwts mowrassed, Ralli Brothers.

FOR GENOA.

R Rubattino s—7 bales cotton, Ralli Brothers.

FOR BARCELONA.

R Rubattino s—500 bales cott n, Volkart Brothers.

FOR NAPLES.

R Rubattino s—100 bales c tton Ralli Brothers.

FOR PALERMO.

R Rubattino s—3 bales twist, Schorder Smidt and Co.

FOR TRIESTE.

Bohemia s—340 bales cotton, Volkart Bros.

FOR VENICE.

Bohemia s—250 bales cotton, Volkart Brothers, 60 cwts olibanum, M Jofferbhoy, 12 bales hemp, M Sowjee.

FOR MALTA.

R Rubattino s—35 bales twist, Greaves Cotton and Co.

FOR HONGKONG.

Delta s—60 chests opium P and O Co, 700 bales cotton, Ralli Brothers.

Lucania s—100 bales twist, C Abrahim and Co; 250 bales twist, David Sassoon and Co, 14 cwts Sharkfins, R W Dathardina.

FOR SHANGHAI.

Yebohi Maru s—360 bales twist, Tata Sons and Co; Delta s—1,050 bales twist, E D Sassoon and Co, 400 bales twist, C Bomanjee and Co.

FOR KOBE.

Yebohi Maru s—1,255 bales cotton, The Japan Cotton Trading Co, 500 bales cotton, Tata Sons and Co, 1,000 bales cotton, The M B Kaisha, 820 bales cotton, Ralli Brothers.

FOR OSAKA.

Yebohi Maru s—20 bales cotton, Ralli Brothers, 200 bales twist, The M B Kaisha.

FOR YOKOHAMA.

Kyosai Maru s—500 bales cotton, The M B Kaisha,

COMMERCIAL NEWS.

LONDON MARKETS.

LONDON, *January* 12.] [BOMBAY, *January* 13.

IMPORTS OF TREASURE.

Packages.	Value	From	Vessel.	Importer.
1 Box Gold Bullions	Rs 76,800	London	Oriental	Yokohama Bank
34 Bars Silver ..	63,018	do	do	Towner & Co
33 Bars Silver ..	76,762	do	do	Yokohama Bank
1 Box Sovs	2,242	Aden	do	C Khushal
Gold Coins ..	14,771			
1 Box Sovs	30,000	do	do	Mercantile Bank
3 Parcels Silver.	112	London	Oceana	Hongkong Bank
4 Bundles Rs	7,500	Kuwait	Narbudda	Sundry Importers
1 Packages Sovs	10,635	Jeddah	Haidari	do.
Gold Coins ..	5,802			
Rupees	1,250			

BOMBAY MARKETS.

MONDAY EVENING.] [13TH JANUARY 1908.

FINANCIAL.

Money :—

The Bank of Bengal Cash balance is Rs. 124 lakhs down.

Exchange :—

The market opened firm in tone at 1s. 3 29/32d T. T. and 1s. 3 15/16d. to 31/32d. for demand Bank bills and 1s. 4 7/32d. for three months' sight Credits Early in the day several Banks sold T. T. at 1s 3 15-16d. for near delivery but after a moderate amount was placed the rate became doubtful. All Banks were willing to buy Credits at 1s. 4 7/32d. but bills were scarce. Far Eastern rates are slightly firmer.

We quote :—

T. T. on London	...	...1s. 3 29/32d.
Demand Draft	...	...1s. 3 15/16d. to 31/32d.
Credits—3 months' sight		...1s. 4 7/32d.
Do. 6 months sight	...1s.	4 3/8d.
Do. 3 months' sight—France		160 3/4
Do. 3 months' sight—Marks.		120 1/4
Hongkong—30 days' sight ...		142
Yokohama—30 days' sight ...		150 3/4
Shanghai—30 days' sight ...		187

Government Paper :—

The market opened to-day at 95 13/16 ready and 95 15/16, for the settlement. A small business was reported during the day and rates temporarily advanced 1/16 but finally closing quiet at the opening quotations.

Calcutta market was advised as 95⅞ ready and 95 15/16 for deli very forward in a month.

We quote :—

Cash ...	... ...	Rs 95 13
1st Settlement...	... ...	" 95 15

Bullion :—

Bar silver in London advanced ¼ on Saturday to 25 9/16 ready and 25⅞ for delivery forward in two months. New York closed up ¼ at 55¼. Locally the market was firmer at 65⅞ ex-duty for ready bars but before the close the rate became easier. Forward rates are noted below. Bar Gold is steady.

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English Bar Gold	24	5	0
Australian Bar Gold	24	4	0
Bombay Bar Gold	24	3	0
English Sikkid Sovereigns ...	15	2	0
English Bazgo Sovereigns ...	15	2	0
Silver ex Duty—Ready ...	65	11	0
Ditto 1st Settlement ...	65	11	0
Ditto 2nd Settlement ...	65	12	0

COTTON.

Market Report :—

The following are the Visible Supply and Into Sight figures as received here yesterday compared with those of the previous two years :—

		Visible Supply.	Into Sight.
11th Jan.	1908...	4,370,000 bales	7,230,000 bales
12th "	1907...	4,830,000 "	8,730,000 "
13th "	1906...	4,630,000 "	7,380,000 "

The local market has been a trifle steadier for some descriptions. Tenders against January contracts are fairly large, and settlements of contracts are also proceeding. The market is chiefly occupied with these, and little or no fresh business is put through. Some "budlis" have been made for March. The market closes quiet but steady as under.

In ready cotton there was again a moderate business doing at Colaba.

QUOTATIONS :—	Rs.	Delivery.
Fine M. G. Broach ...	270	March
Good M. G. Broach ...	264	"
Fine M. G. Nagpur Kamptl ...	230	Jan.
Fine M. G. Damangaum Pulgaon	221/2	"
Fine M. G. Khangaum Akola ...	216/17	"
Fine M. G. Amraoti ...	216/17	"
Fine M. G. Muttia ...	203	"
F. G. M. G. Khandeish ...	199	"
Fine M. G. Khandeish ...	201/3	"
Fine M. G. Bengals ...	198	"
F. G. U. G Bengals ...	186/7	"
Good Westerns ...	238	Apl-May
Good Saw Ginned Dharwar ...	242	"

Liverpool Opener :—

Opening Tone...	... ...	... Quiet but steady
Estimated Sales	... ...	... 8,000
Total Imports	... ...	... 24,000

Future Delivery Prices :—

J. F.	F.-M.	M.-A.	A.-M	M.-J.
5·84	5·85	5·85	5·85	5·85
+09	+09	+09	+08	+03
J.-J.	J.-A	A.-S.	S.-O.	
5·84	5·81	5·71	5·81	
+03	+08	+03	+08	

MISCELLANEOUS.

Linseed :—

There market is quiet but steady as under :—

Ready	Rs.	7 14 0	B. T
April-May	"	8 8 6	R. T.

Rapeseed :—

The market is quiet with little doing. We quote :—

Brown Cawnpore, Apl.-May Rs. 9 5 0 R. T.

Gingellyseed :—

The market is rather easier with a small enquiry. We quote ;—

Bold White, 85 p.c.	Rs.	61	0 0
" " 75 p.c.	"	60	0 0
Black Rutni	"	55	8 0
Yellow Hinganghat	"	63	0 0

Poppyseed :—

Apl.-May ... ... Rs. 10 14 0

Tone—Easier.

Castorseed :—

Ready	Rs.	34 0 0
Apl.-May	"	35 0 0

Tone—Quiet.

Cottonseed :—

Rs. 24 8 0

Tone—Quiet.

Mowrasseed :—

Rs. 5 2 0

Tone—Quiet.

Groundnuts :—

Jan.-Feb. ... ... Rs. 45 0 0

Tone—Quiet.

Wheat :—

White Delhi, Apl.-May ... Rs. 6 1 0 R. T.

Tone Quiet but Steady.

THE SHARE MARKET.

Banks :—

Bombay	1,355	X D
India	62 1-2	O D
Indian Specie Bank	53	C D

Mills :—

David	385
Manockji Petit	3,185

Miscellaneous :—

Bidham Mic & Co.	128
Colaba Land and Mill... ...	1,013
Chitrapur Mining Syndicate...	
Howrah ...	0 12
... ...	430

RECEIPTS.

The following are the receipts of Cotton and Produce into Bombay during the 24 hours ended at 6 p.m on Saturday :—

Cotton	12,337	bales
Wheat	5,581	cwts.
Linseed	11	"
Rapeseed	9	"
Gingellyseed	2,456	"
Poppyseed	107	"
Groundnuts	1,790	"
Castorseed	109	"
Rice	75,186	"
Myrabollams	6,561	"
Cottonseed	8,708	"
Mowrasseed	121	"
Gram	1,309	"
Joowar	4,717	"
Maize	243	"

BANK OF BOMBAY.

The following is the statement of the affairs of the Bank of Bombay, for the week ending 11th January 1908, as compared with the statement of 4th Jan. 1908 :—

LIABILITIES.	Jan. 4. Rs.	Jan. 11. Rs.
Capital ...	1,00,00,000	1,00,00,000
Reserve Fund ...	97,00,000	97,00,000
Public Deposits at Head Office ...	35,31,092	33,41,959
Public Deposits at Branches ...	50,81,882	43,77,522
Other Deposits ...	8,32,15,801	8,19,56,758
Post Bills ...	11,926	13,329
Sundries ...	23,34,045	20,45,626
Rs..	11,38,74,416	11,16,34,772
ASSETS.		
Government Securities ...	1,31,22,334	1,34,42,933
Other authorised Securities ...	22,13,598	18,74,382
Credits on Govt. and other authorised Securities ...	1,67,03,129	1,87,88,172
Loans do. do. ...	2,09,24,918	1,81,44,536
Bills discounted and purchased ...	2,74,31,542	2,58,43,981
Dead Stock ...	3,30,881	3,30,884
Stamps ...	5,687	5,636
Bullion ...	4,41,920	4,32,682
Balances with other Banks ...	9,86,567	9,23,333
Sundries ...	3,45,218	3,10,555
Cash ...	3,28,18,622	3,16,47,038
	11,38,74,416	11,16,34,772

BANK OF BENGAL.

THE following is the statement of the affairs of the Bank of Bengal, for the week ending 7th Jan. 1908, as compared with the statement of 2nd Jan. 1908 :—

LIABILITIES.	Jan. 2. Rs.	a.	p.	Jan. 7. Rs.	a.	p.
Capital paid up ...	2,00,00,000	0	0	2,00,00,000	0	0
Reserve Fund ...	1,55,00,000	0	0	1,57,50,000	0	0
Public Deposits, &c ...	1,64,34,194	4	10	1,60,75,547	10	1
Other Deposits, &c. ...	15,78,46,644	0	2	1499,68,937	3	9
Bank Post Bills, &c ...	8,50,060	14	0	14,77,002	13	8
Sundrie ...	30,42,747	15	2	17,44,303	6	0
Rs ..	21,36,73,637	2	2	20,50,15,795	5	0
ASSETS.	Rs.	a.	p.	Rs.	a.	p.
Government Securities ...	2,38,88,465	0	0	2,24,38,016	0	0
Other authorised Investments ...	40,91,108	0	0	41,00,433	0	0
Loans on Govt. and other authorised Securities ...	4,13,25,870	10	7	4,45,36,307	10	0
Accounts of Credit on do..	4,88,14,227	2	5	4,60,08,726	9	3
Bills discounted &c ...	3,87,62,461	14	10	4,12,21,802	4	1
Balances with other Banks..	19,32,267	0	3	18,86,937	5	6
Bullions ...						
Dead Stock	17,57,166	1	1	16,07,227	0	8
Stamps	18,437	0	10	18,320	2	10
Sundries ...	8,35,714	3	11	7,90,939	10	1
	15,84,85,897	1	11	16,24,06,009	11	5
Cash, &c., at Head Office ..	5,51,87,850	0	3	4,26,09,786	9	7
Do. at Branches ..						
Rs..	21,36,73,637	2	2	20,50,15,795	5	0

LIABILITIES.	Rs.	
Govt. Balance at Head Office	4,73,277	Decrease
Do. at Branches ..	1,16,631	Increase
Other Deposits ...	78,77,707	Decrease
Post Bills ...	6 26,952	Increase
ASSETS.		
Bank's Investment ...	14,41,234	Decrease
Loans ...	32,08,437	Increase
Accounts of Credit ...	1,94,499	Do.
Mercantile Bills ...	14,59,351	Do.
Cash at Head Office ...	103,34,789	Decrease
Do. at Branches ...	23,43,256	Do.

Percentage 25·17.

BOMBAY LIGHT HORSE.

SQUADRON ORDERS.

Bombay, Jan. 14.

It is notified for information that the Inspector-General of Volunteers, will inspect the Corps at Santa Cruz to-morrow Wednesday the 15th instant at 7-30 a.m.

All members are requested to attend.

Dress—Drill Order Khaki, Carbines and Swords

Train leaves Church Gate 6-20 a.m, Grant Road 6-30 arriving Santa Cruz 7-2 a.m.

T. W CUFFE, Major.,
Comdg. B. L. H.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER RIFLES.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY LIEUT.-COL. R. W. L. DUNLOP

COMMANDING B. V. R.

Bombay, Jan. 14.

19 Detail for the week ending Saturday the 18th Instant.
To-day Tuesday the 14th—" M " Coy Parade on company parade ground at 3 30 p m.
II "L" Coy Parade on company parade ground at 4 45 p.m.
III Ambulance Class—In the Telegraph Office Fort at 4 45 p.m.
IV Bugle Practice in rear of Skating Rink at 8 30 p m.
Wednesday the 15th—The Inspector General of Volunteers will inspect the Battalion on the Oval at 5 30 p.m.
It is hoped that every N C Officer and Volunteer will make a special effort to attend this parade.
Fall in at 5 p m, near sir Richard Temple's Statue.
Dress—Drill Order, Uniform, with Forage Caps.
Thursday the 16th—Semaphore Drill in rear of Telegraph Quarters at 7 a.m.
Friday the 17th—All Recruits of the current season will parade at Head-Quarters at 7 p.m.
20 Enrolments.—The undernamed having been enrolled are taken on the strength of the Corps and posted to "C" Company:—
No 6225 Vol M Smith
No 6236 Vol W Rady

A. L. CARTWRIGHT, Capt.,
Adjt., B. V. R.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER ARTILLERY.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY LT.-COL. LOUIS P. RUSSELL

COMMANDING, B. V. A,

Bombay, Jan. 14.

383 DRILLS

No 1 Company
Tuesday the 14th instant at 2 p m Squad Drill with Rifles in the Town Hall Compound
Dress—Plain clothes.
No 2 Company.
Tuesday the 14th instant at 9 p m Lecture on Ammunition at Nesbit Road Head-Quarters
Thursday the 16th inst at 9 p m 6" B L C Gun Drill at Mahaluxmi Fort.
Dress—Khaki and Caps.

384 PROF. CLASS.

The proficiency class will be held at the B V A Club on Thursday the 16th instant at 9 p.m.

385 CORPS PARADE INSPECTION.

The Corps will parade at the B V A Club at 4-45 p m on Saturday the 18th instant and proceed to Middle Ground, Fort, for the Inspection by the Inspector General of Volunteers in India at 1" Aiming Rifle Practice.
Dress—Khaki and caps.

386 H E Co.

The H E Coy will parade at 6-30 p m on Wednesday the 15 h inst at Apollo Bunder and proceed to Middle Ground and Oyster Rock for Electric Light Manning.

R. W. FISHER, Lieut.,
Adjt., B. V. A.

DR. ASHUTOSH MOOKERJEE'S health has broken down, says the "Pioneer," in his effort to do justice to his double work as Judge of the Calcutta High Court and Vice-Chancellor of the Calcutta University. "His services are invaluable just now in connection with the new regulations, and especially in the new inspection of schools and colleges. This particular work will be extremely heavy until August, and the Chancellor of the University, in consultation with the Rector, has decided that Dr. Mookerjee shall be placed on special duty up to that date, so that everything may be got safely through. With the consent of the Chief Justice his services have been spared from the High Court for the next six or seven months."

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OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

MARRIAGE.

CLARK—TAYLOR—December 18, at S. John's Church, Meerut, by the Rev. Prichatt Shaw, Muriel Violet Taylor, daughter of Con. G. Taylor to Mr. R. Clark of the S. & T. Corps.

DEATHS.

CAMPBELL—December 26, at Benares, William John Campbell, aged 31 years.

DE COURCY—January 4 at Madhopore, William Bleunerhasset de Courcy, retired District Judge. Punjab Provincial Service.

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TO-DAY.

Sun rises, 7h. 15m. Sun sets, 6h. 20 m. High water, 8-26m., 9-57a. Low water, 2-54m., 2-44a.

Chamber of Commerce, balloting for election of Chairman, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Skating Rink, Esplanade, 9-30 p. m.

Excelsior Cinematograph, Esplanade, 7 p. m., 8-30 p.m., and 10 p m.

The Empire Cinematograph, 7 p. m., 8-30 p. m., and 10 p. m.

PHASES OF THE MOON.—Jan. 18th, Full Moon, 7h 6-9m. p.m.; Jan. 26th, Last Quarter, 8h, 31-3m. p.m.; Jan. 4th, in Perigee, 6h. a.m.; Jan. 19th, in Apogee, 7h. p.m.

THE WEEK'S CALENDAR.

Wednesday, January 15.—Municipal Standing Committee, 4-9 p. m. B. L. H. Annual Inspection by the Inspector General of Volunteers, Santa Cruz, 7-30a.m. Chamber of Commerce, balloting for election of Chairman, 10 a. m. to 4 p. m, Countess of Dufferin Fund, general meeting of the Bombay Branch, Government House, Malabar Point, 5 p. m. Sun rises, 7h. 15m. Sun sets, 6h. 21m. High water, 9-24m., 10-40a. Low water, 3-51m., 3-27a.

Thursday, January 16.—Bombay Hunt, Santa Cruz. B. V. R. annual inspection by the Inspector-General of Volunteers. Municipal Corporation, 3-39 p. m. Sun rises, 7h. 15m.; Sun sets, 6h. 22m.; High water, 10-9m. 11-17a.; Low water, 4-32m.

Friday, January 17.—Indian Guarantee and Suretyship Association, annual meeting, Oriental Buildings, 1-30 p. m. Gaiety Theatre, Bandmann's Company, 9-30 p.m. Sun rises, 7h. 15m. Sun sets, 6h, 22m High water, 10-48m, 11-19a. Low water, 5-8m. 4-40a.

Saturday, January 18.—Bombay Extra Races. Royal Bombay Yacht Club Races. B. V. A. annual inspection by the Inspector General of Volunteers. Gaiety Theatre, Mr. Bandmann's Company, 9-30 p.m. Sun rises, 7h. 15m. Sun sets, 6h. 23m. High water, 11-23m., Low water, 5-12m. 5-13a.

Sunday, January 19.—2nd Sunday after Epiphany, Sun rises, 7h. 15m. Sun sets, 6h. 24m. High water, 0-17m, 11-55a. Low water, 6-15m., 5-45a

Monday, January 20.—Gaiety Theatre, Mr. Bandmann's Company. Tavoy Exploration Syndicate. Sun rises, 7h. 15m Sun sets, 6h. 24m. High water, 0-42m., 0-26a. Low water, 6-47m., 6-16a.

LECTURE.—Babu Amratlal Bose, missionary of the Brahmo Samaj of Calcutta, who is at present in Bombay on a mission tour, will deliver a lecture in Hindi at the Prarthana Samaj Mandir, at 6 p.m. to-day, on "Ideal Life."

LECTURE ON "ESPERANTO."—Dr. John Pollen, the President of the B.E.A. will, we understand, deliver an address at the Young Men's Christian Association to-morrow evening, at 9-30 on "The Life work of Zamenhoff" (the linguistic genius who evolved the International auxiliary language 'Esperanto.")

BAND AT THE YACHT CLUB.—By kind permission of the Officer Commanding and Officers, the Band of the 1st Battalion B, B, & C. I. Railway Volunteer Rifle Corps will play the following programme of music, under the direction of Mr. H. C. Dane at the Bombay Gymkhana, commencing at 6 p.m. to-day:—

Overture ...	Hans Heiling ... Marschner
Selection ...	Lady Tatters ... Slaughter
Mauura Caprice ...	Zuleika ... Squire
Valse ...	Tout Paris ... Waldteufel
Selection ...	A Runaway Girl ... Monckton
Valse Tzigane ...	Fascination ... Marchetti
Porto Rica Dance ...	Rosita ... Missua

A JUVENILE THIEF.—Yesterday at the Esplanade Police Court before Mr. Setalvad, Basil Paul, a Native Christian lad aged 15, was charged with having committed theft. The Rev. C. W. Bonnet, Chaplain of the Indo-British Chapel, said the accused was a school-boy employed in the Chapel. On the 8th instant the lock of a safe kept in the chapel was found to have been tampered with, and Rs. 47 out of Rs. 90 kept in the safe were found missing. The accused after committing the theft ran away but came back to the chapel and confessed his guilt. The accused was ordered to be bound over in the sum of Rs. 50 for being of good behaviour for a period of 6 months.

CRIMINAL BREACH OF TRUST.—Yesterday at the Esplanade Police Court before Mr. Setalvad, Ramchandra Gainoo, a shoemaker, was charged with criminal breach of trust in respect of Rs. 4. It appears from evidence that Mr. H. M. Corke a coal-broker, residing in Apollo Street, gave the sum to the accused for purchasing leather for a pair of shoes. The complainant gave Rs. 3 to the accused on the 22nd December last, and on the 28th of the same month the accused again went to the complainant and asked for one rupee more, promising to bring the pair of shoes ordered on the 30th idem. The accused however failed to turn up, the complainant informed the police, and the accused was arrested. The accused said he had spent the money given him by the complainant, but stated he was willing to pay back the sum. He was convicted and sentenced to one day's simple imprisonment and to pay a fine of Rs. 10, out of which Rs. 4 were ordered to be given to the complainant.

PASSENGERS PER S.S. "RUBATTINO."

The following is a list of passengers per Italian Mail Steamer "R Rubattino" sailing for Genoa to-morrow the 15th instant :—

For Genoa.—Mrs Boffard, Miss Braddon, Mrs K M Butt Mr and Mrs R Carreras, Master Carreras, Mrs N A Courtwright, Dr and Mrs L V Dubois, Rev and Mrs S L Gates, Mr C F Gibson, Mrs J G Gilberston, Sister Fanny Gladys, Mr M J Malahus and infant, Mr M P Misslin, Miss A Murrell, Mr Ogden, Rev G Piatti, Mr W R H Salmen, Miss Shacklock, Mr & Mrs C G Todhunter, Mr & Mrs Webb, Master W. B. C Webb, Mr H Zweifel.
For New York.—Miss Jean Davis.
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For Aden.—Miss Carvalho.
For Brindisi.—Rev F Celanzi.
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THE ANGLO-RUSSIAN CONVENTION.

COLONEL C. E. YATE, late Chief Commissioner of Baluchistan, who was led into some remarks on the subject of the Persian Gulf the other day, and who is universally recognised as an authority on frontier affairs, has contributed to the *Asiatic Quarterly Review* an able article on the Anglo-Russian Convention which fully supports the views we expressed when the terms of the Agreement were made known. As Colonel Yate briefly puts the matter, in any really friendly understanding the concessions must be mutual, and a Russian offer simply not to break existing assurances did not seem to call for special concessions on our part. Yet this is what we have given. We have obtained, it is true, the written promise from Russia not to break existing agreements, but the concessions are not mutual; they are apparently all on our side." Russia is left with just as much power to invade as she had before, so it is absurd to describe our concessions as a premium for insurance against invasion. Colonel Yate in a magazine article is able to deal with his subject more fully than a daily journal can hope to do and we are glad to find that he has treated of his subject exhaustively though not at unnecessary length. He is able to show that while all six of the routes of entry for Russian goods have been carefully included in the Russian sphere from beginning to end, only two out of the five routes of entry for British goods have been retained for the British sphere, and those two the least important. Of the three main routes for British goods, one has been handed over entirely to the Russian sphere and the other two have had their terminus handed over. This, as the writer observes, is a terrible handicap for British and Indian trade. Colonel Yate shows clearly that both commercially and industrially Great Britain and India have lost heavily by the agreement. In reply to the assertion that the Persian trade, after all, is of comparatively little value to us and that the price we have paid for the Convention is not such a very costly one after all, Colonel Yate denies that that is not the spirit in which to regard it. The volume of Persian trade may be small in comparison with that with other countries, but small or not, it is no reason why we should surrender our equality of opportunity. "Our officers and merchants in Persia have been labouring for years to maintain British interests in that country, despite many difficulties and adverse circumstances, and the only reward they now have for their labours is to see all that they have been labouring for surrendered and the main routes of entry for British goods that they have striven so hard to maintain placed in the sphere or subjected to the influence of a rival Power to whose adverse pressure they will have to give way in future. That is not the way to instil zeal and energy into our country's representatives and it certainly is not the way that Russia treats her servants."

In an article in the *Nineteenth Century* some time ago, Colonel Yate gave extracts from the *Novoe Vremya* in which a *rapprochement* with England was advocated, on the ground amongst others, of the opportunity Russia would thereby obtain of defining her sphere of influence in Persia. This sphere, as is pointed out, has now been defined, but with disastrous results to British commerce and prestige in Persia, though it might reasonably have been expected that we should have bargained for equality of commercial facilities, the maintenance of vested rights and long established interests, and equal areas. For the great salt desert, about the 35th degree of latitude is the natural division of two-thirds of Persia, and "all those conversant with the mercantile conditions of Persia will agree that Russia possesses no special interests to the South of that line. British interests, as a matter of fact, to the South of that line far outbalance any Russian interests." Had the Russian sphere, therefore, exclaims the writer, only been limited to the terms as laid down in the preamble, how much more fair, just and friendly the Convention would have been! As it is, under the terms of the sub-sequent articles the various areas work out as follows: Russian sphere 272,800 square miles; neutral zone 217,180, and the British sphere 141,100 square miles—a remarkable testimony to the diplomatic ability of British statesmen! As was observed in Turkish official quarters it was "a remarkable proof of the superiority of Muscovite over British diplomacy—great concessions have been made to Russia without any adequate return [illegible] and it is difficult to see what advantages, direct or indirect, [illegible] Great Britain has secured at all comparable with those secured by Russia". A special meeting of the Council of the Central Asian Society drew the attention of Sir Edward Grey to the great importance of "safeguarding the existing British interests on the old established trade route from Baghdad to Kirmanshah and the Karun route to Ispahan across the Bakhtiari mountains in the event of the negotiations for an Anglo-Russian agreement leading to any recognition of specific spheres of interest in Persia."

The views of men who know were ignored and Persians join with Britishers in bemoaning the fact, yet only the other day we found the Secretary of State still exulting over the "brilliant achievement of British diplomacy" represented by this very Agreement. In the words of Colonel Yate, had any one acquainted with the problems of Eastern Persia been included in the deliberations on the present Convention, they would soon have shown what was the real value of such pretensions as those set forth with regard to Seistan and Bunder Abbas. They could never for one moment be "balanced in the scales against the British positions in Meshed and Tabriz, and yet both those places have been included in the Russian sphere, quite irrespective of the fact that Great Britain has large commercial interests in both and has maintained a Consul General at both places for years." With regard to Afghan interests in the agreement, Colonel Yate has naturally very much to say. We have given Russia equality of commercial opportunity in Afghanistan, and Great Britain agrees that any facilities which may be enjoyed by British and Indian traders shall be equally enjoyed by Russian traders. Now, the Russian customs cordon which has been drawn around the Russian provinces in Central Asia within the last twelve or fifteen years has absolutely put a stop to all trade from India. Indian traders are practically excluded from Russian territory. Russia offers nothing more under the new agreement: nothing less. Afghan trade with India is practically free. India possesses a sea customs tariff for revenue purposes, but there is no Indian land frontier customs tariff; so why should Afghanistan be compelled to grant Russia the same commercial facilities as are enjoyed by India? That is a question to which there is no possible answer. Again, adds Colonel Yate, "we have further granted Russian frontier authorities the right of direct relations with Afghan frontier authorities in settlement of local questions—a right which British frontier authorities in India do not enjoy. Is it possible," he asks, "that Russia is to have rights in Afghanistan that are not possessed by Great Britain?" The more closely the question is examined the greater seems the blunder of which our Foreign Office has been guilty. The agreement has little if anything to commend it, but much to prove it one of the greatest mistakes of the age.

SOLSTITIAL FESTIVAL OF THE HINDUS.

TO-DAY, Tuesday the 14th of January, the Sun in his apparent annual revolution among the stars enters the zodiacal sign of Capricorn according to the astronomical calculation of the Hindus, and this they celebrate by holding a very solemn festival, in the Sun's honour, called "Makar Sankrati." The period during which the Sun progresses through one sign of the Zodiac is called a *Sankrati*. *Makar* is the sign corresponding to our Capricorn, and is represented as an aquatic nondescript animal. Once it was called "Mraga" a deer, and even now it is a strange compound of deer and fish. When the Sun enters this sign he has reached his southernmost point in his career, and begins thenceforward his northern course. Hence the period of *Uttaran*, which means northerly movement, is said to commence on this day, which is therefore also called "Uttaran Sankrati." This northerly course of the Sun lasts for six months from to-day, and brings with it the best seasons of the year—Spring and Summer. It is therefore the auspicious time of the year that commences to-day. The inauspicious part of the year—Autumn and Winter are over, and the season of calm and plenty and prosperity is commencing to-day, and it is therefore but meet that such a day should be celebrated as a feast-day. It is an important season festival held according to the solar and not the common lunar reckoning of the Hindus. Hence it is one of the very few festivals that always falls on the same day of the year, more or less, and does not move backwards and forwards like the other festivals of the Hindus which are calculated according to lunar reckoning. Makar Sankrati occurs every year on the 12th of January, or a day or two earlier or later. Last year it occurred on the 13th, this year it comes on the 14th and in former years it fell on the 12th. According to our calculation the Sun entered the sign of Capricornus on the 23rd of last month; but according to the Hindus he enters it to-day more than three weeks later. This discrepancy is owing to their difference of astronomical calculations, which is a very abstruse point on which we need not enter here. We shall only quote Professor Wilson's remarks. "This season commences as in our own Calendar with the entrance of the Sun into the sign Capricornus; but though the astronomical period is the same, the actual dates present a considerable deviation. According to our Ephemendes, the Sun enters Capricornus on the 21st of December; according to those of the Hindus on the 1st of their solar month Magha, and this, in actual practice, is identified with the 12th of January or thereabouts. I have already observed that the adjustments of the Hindu Calendar are very difficult matters to deal with, and an explanation of the difference between the 21st of December and the 12th of January is to be found only in astronomical calculations."

This, then, is the festival of the Winter Solstice, when nature begins to renovate both animal and vegetable existence, and in very ancient times the Hindus commenced their New Year with this festival of Makar Sankrati. In the north of India they no longer do so; but in the south they still, in many places, commence their year now, and hold this festival of the Sankrati which is there called Pongul. The Tamils begin their year with this festival which is among them specially dedicated to the glorification of agriculture. Cattle, as the greatest help to agriculture, are garlanded and decorated and led about in processions. They boil fresh rice in milk in new cooking-pots and salute one another with the question "has the milk boiled?" to which the answer is made "the boiling is over," "pongul" meaning 'to boil,' from which the festival derives its name. The festival, as we have said above, is held in honour of the Sun alone, but, somehow Vishnu is also remembered on this occasion. Vishnu is said to be asleep during the six months immediately preceding this festival, the months of Autumn and Winter, and the gates of Heaven are closed. Those good men who die during those six months, do not enter Heaven at once, but have to wait outside, till this day when its gates are opened again, Vishnu, its lord, awakening from his sleep to-day. So probably he is included in to-day's celebration of the Sun festival. Bathing in sacred streams is enjoined on this day and accordingly those who can afford make pilgrimages to the holy places on the Ganges and bathe in its waters on this day. Among such holy places are the mouths of the Ganges, and the place of its meeting the Jumna at Prayag known as Allahabad, where great fairs are held to-day to which hundreds of thousands throng on this occasion of the Saakrat feast. "Tal" or white sesame seeds are held sacred to the Sun and they are in great demand to-day, being freely given about mixed with raw sugar and made up into balls. This is one of the days when the Hindu laity ought to make presents to their priests, the Brahmans, who receive sesame or "tal" balls sugarcane, gram, herbs, rice, pulse and also money. [illegible] this day among several Hindu castes, especially [illegible] the marriage season begins. the Nagar Brahmans, [illegible] ted with this day among the people of Gujarat especially. Barren women, for instance, call thirteen pregnant women and present each with a cocoanut; also women who have no children alive, call thirteen children and present each with cocoanut they also sometimes on this Sankrati day present clothes to thirteen married couples in order that they may have children. This has probably reference to the fertile powers of the Sun who from this day begins to shine brightly and produces fertility in the fields.

THE CENSOR OF PLAYS.

Now that "Waste" has been produced and duly condemned as a clever but undesirable play by the critics, the outcry against the Censor of Plays has fallen from the platform of hysteries and it has been left to the consideration of serious minded men who can take an impartial view of the whole case. It is a case which demands careful consideration, and therefore Mr. Barker's action in producing his censored play and so ending the clamour of the irresponsibles has been advantageous. Also it has served to justify the existence of a censorship. Whether this last is an advantage is the real problem. The censorship is not logical for two reasons, the first that a censored play can be published with impunity and, possibly, thereby attain wider publicity than it would through dramatic performance, the second that there has yet to be found the Heaven-born genius who can judge what a play will be when it is acted. The first of these is a threadbare argument because it is so obvious. The second has been recognised equally long by those who have given thoughtful consideration to the matter but is less generally appreciated. The case of Mr. Pinero's play "A Wife without a smile" may be cited. It is not a good "reading" play, in fact is apt to bore the reader, who wonders what there is in it to justify even a trial on the stage. But, it will be remembered, the play as acted produced the loudest cries of condemnation on account of incidents ill brought out in the printed stage directions. Mr. Shaw says: "License playwrights as well as theatres if you like and withdraw our licence as well as that of the theatre if either of us offend. But who shall say what constitutes offence." Another of Mr. Pinero's plays may be cited—"The gay Lord Quex." Few plays have produced more divergence of opinion. One party there was who proclaimed it "unfit to be seen by any decent minded person": another party saw in it a very carefully drawn and most effective moral; a third such excellence in dramatic conception that nothing else could count. Who is competent to say which was right? 'One man's meat is another man's poison' applies equally to mental refreshment. To the good, as to the pure, all things are pure, though not to the self-styled good. Mr. Samuel Smith viewed life through glasses far different from those of Mr. Redford, but therein is no reason to doubt the latter gentleman's sincerity. The result of careful consideration of the censorship must be arrival at the conclusion that it is an anachronism and that *per se* it cannot justify its existence. But immediately one goes further it is obvious that its abolition must bring greater evils. The licensing of a play entitles a manager to produce that play, no matter how much it may offend a section of the public. That is a matter which must depend on the power and magnitude of the offended section as reflected in financial support. So long as the licence is in force the manager is exempt from all penalties, but once abolish the censorship *in toto* and the manager becomes a target for the shaft of every crank. The immediate result must be such caution as seriously to endanger dramatic art. There, combined in one, is a sound commercial and artistic reason for the retention of the censorship. Whether it is desirable to take the power away from one man and entrust it to a body is another matter. Under certain conditions an improvement might be effected, provided that the choice of the adjudicative committee were outside the control of popularly elected bodies, but it is to be presumed that the Censor, whoever he may happen to be, has trusted friends to advise him when in doubt, and the freedom of choice of those friends guarantees a closer approach to what public opinion may be. It must never be forgotten that the abolition of the censorship will immediately place theatres on the same plane as music halls. In the latter the police have the necessary power to stop an undesirable performance, whilst there is the annual ordeal of obtaining the renewal of the licence. In the case of music halls it matters little as, there, no one wishes to discuss serious matters, but in theatres different mental food is given and so long as there exist those who consider that everything connected with the theatre is wicked, exercising an influence out of all proportion to their numbers, must it be unsafe to trust the custody of the feebly flickering if sacred flame to anything but a dictatorship. The Managers have wisely realised this and Mr. Seymour Hicks has aptly summed up the situation by saying: "I would sooner the public broke the Censor's windows than my chandeliers." If there is to be any responsibility, as there always must be, it is best to know exactly where it lies.

THE P. and O. Company's s.s. "Egypt," with the outward Mails of the 3rd instant, left Aden at 6 p.m. on Sunday and is expected to arrive in Bombay at 9 a.m. on Friday next.

THE P. and O. s.s. "Delhi" left Hongkong on the 11th instant.

THE goods traffic on the B. B. and C. I. Railway for the week ending 21st December 1907 shows a decrease on the corresponding week of 1906 of 233,746 maunds and Rs. 36,294 in the earnings.

A NOTIFICATION of the Government of India prohibits the taking by sea or land of mhowra flowers from any part of British India into Portuguese territory.

MR. AHMAD, Collector of Khulna, will take charge of the fisheries in Bengal on the 17th February, when Mr. K. G. Gupta leaves Calcutta to take up his appointment on the Secretary of State's Council.

IT is reported that it is under consideration to give the Regular Army and the Territorial Force some common Imperial designation or Royal title, such as is enjoyed by the Royal Navy in its title.

A MEETING of the Medical Profession will be held under the auspices of the Bombay Medical Union on Saturday, the 18th instant, at 6 p.m. (S.T.), at the Union Rooms, to consider the subject of prophylactic inoculation against plague in all its aspects.

THE London correspondent of the "Times of Ceylon" telegraphed on the 7th instant:—"Tea is a little irregular. There is a strong market up to 8½d. The cocoa sale this week was a large one at 4s. to 10s. lower for Ceylon's best. The share market shows a firm tone."

A MARRIAGE has been arranged and will take place shortly after Easter between Captain Bazett Colvin Graham, 1st Prince of Wales Own Gurkha Rifles, youngest son of Colonel R. B. Graham late Commanding 7th Bengal Cavalry, and Mrs. Graham of Malvern Lodge, Cheltenham, and Violet Mary, only daughter of Commander and Mrs. Sidney Andrews, the Anchorage, Bombay.

THE number of persons on relief in India during the week ending Thursday last was 222,782, an increase of 63,186 on the preceding week. The greatest increase was in the United Provinces where the number increased by 66,944 to 168,869. In Bengal [illegible] there was a decrease of over two hundred while increases of seven hundred and fifty and five hundred and sixteen are recorded for the Central Provinces and Bombay, respectively. In the Central India States the increase was 15,310.

SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

CROSS COUNTRY RUNNING.

Boxing Day Matches.

(FROM OUR SPORTING CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, DECEMBER 27.

BOXING.

The recent Burns v. Moir contest and others, that are on the tapis, have caused sportsmen all over the world to pay increased attention to the "noble art." On this account a brief reference to what can justly be termed the headquarters of boxing, may be in order. The National Sporting Club was founded by the late James Fleming in 1891, Mr. A. F. Bettinson, the present manager, being associated with him. The building, however, has a very much older history, and a stone which forms part of the club house, bears the date of 1636. It is also noteworthy for the fact that it was the scene of the first Cabinet Council ever held, this being in 1696. It is also interesting to recall that the staircase in the hall once formed part of the Britannia, the flagship of Admiral Russell at the battle of La Hague in 1692. It will thus be seen that the modern National Sporting Club has some real links with the past.

THE RING AND RULES.

Though a positless ring is not used at the National the view of the onlookers is not impaired to any extent owing to the capital situation of the platform in the pretty little theatre, where the contests are decided. Further, as the ring is seldom more than 16ft., only four corner posts are required. The floor of the ring is also padded, so as to guard against a competitor being injured through violent contact with it. It may be news to many to know that all contests at the National Sporting Club are decided under special rules, and the object of some of them is self-evident. For instance, no one is allowed to enter the ring without first undergoing a medical examination and Mr. Beltinson is strongly opposed to matches in which a man has to reduce himself excessively—which means weakness. All contests are decided strictly on points and a significant clause of rule 5 is that if one competitor attains such a lead at the end of any round that his rival cannot possibly make up the leeway (5 marks in each round are the maximum) he shall at once be declared the winner. All this goes to show that the Club rules are framed with the idea of fostering scientific boxing and not mere slogging.

DOING GOOD.

Many famous contests have been decided at the Covent Garden establishment and perhaps the Jackson v. Slaving "go" in the first season of the Club deserves to rank first. Promoting big contests, however, is not the only mission of the executive and the holding of Novice tournaments, with the idea of unearthing new talent, is a policy deserving of all praise. Army and Navy boxers have also been splendidly catered for at the National and last April a soldiers' and sailors' tournament was promoted, which took four evenings to decide. Another will be held next March and the venture is likely to become an annual one of great importance. Boxing is not the only game which finds favour at the Club and several big billiard matches have been decided there. Nor is this all and one recalls with pleasure how concerts, &c. have been promoted for the benefit of Charing Cross Hospital, the "Referee" Children's Christmas Dinner Fund and other charities.

THE MANAGER.

Any reference to the National Sporting Club would be incomplete without a word or two about the manager, Mr. A. F. Beltinson, to whom the writer is indebted for several of the details mentioned. He succeeded to full responsibility on the death of Mr. Fleming in November of 1897 and his popularity was ably testified to by the crowded state of the theatre on the night of his last benefit—December 16. Mr. Beltinson, who is known to his intimates as "Peggy," understands the game, from A to Z, as well he might, seeing he won the light weight boxing championship for amateurs in 1882.

WRESTLING TACTICS.

George Hackenschmidt has been a popular idol in England for some time, but his greatest admirers must have felt many a pang since he met the representatives of Zbyscoe to talk over a match. People behind the scenes feared he would not take on Zbyscoe and when he absolutely refused to make a match, save in the catch-as-catch-can style, it came as no great surprise. It was an eye-opener, however, when Zbyscoe's representative (once Hackenschmidt's manager) astonished everyone by agreeing to take the Russian on at his own terms. Hackenschmidt made his reputation as a Graeco-Roman wrestler and his first match against Madrali was in this style, so that he is quite "au fait" at the game. Zbyscoe, however, is purely a Graeco-Roman wrestler and yet he has undertaken to learn catch-as-catch-can methods for the purpose of trying conclusions with Hackenschmidt in six months' time. His pluck does him credit, but it is certainly a risky venture. In the meanwhile Hackenschmidt is to take on Rogers though there are other catch-as-catch-can wrestlers with better records. The latter, by the way, did not turn up at the Pavilion and try to earn that £200 for standing off Zbyscoe for 15 minutes, as his manager said he would do.

CROSS-COUNTRY RUNNING.

We are carried a step nearer the Olympic Games by the announcement that April 25th has been selected as the date for the Polytechnic Harriers Marathon Race. This will be run over about 20 miles of the course to be used for the big race and we are told it will be considered as the official trial. The writer will no doubt receive support in his contention that the trial ought to be at the full distance. That extra five miles may and will make a lot of difference, and anyone who wants to do well in the real contest must learn to go the full journey A recent Marathon race near New York points a moral which British Athletes will do well to note. Several of the competitors were not properly trained for such a severe ordeal and consequently suffered from collapse. One man, an unknown and believed to be quite untrained, ran splendidly and led until within a few miles of the finish. He then drank a glass of iced water and naturally enough collapsed soon after. Probably few British Athletes will need to be told that they must avoid iced drinks at all times if they value their health. Though the Polytechnic Marathon Race may be considered the official trial, it is to be hoped Northern Midland, Scotch, Irish, Welsh and Colonial athletic authorities will also hold similar events as "try outs."

STRONG TEAMS.

That old organization, the Birchfield Harriers, looks like being even more powerful than ever now that Arthur Ashby of Coventry has thrown in his lot with the Stagbearers. This grouping of cracks under one banner cuts two ways. While the victories of a club in big National and International events naturally booms the pastime in the district, the smaller clubs suffer through the loss of a star performer. The Birchfielders were easily top of the class in Inter-Club races last season, but they may find the Sefton Harriers worthy opponents next summer. The Northerners can now count on W. E. Clark, J. T. Rimmer, J. Roberts and B. Wilkinson—a very warm quartette for three or four miles.

HARDY SWIMMERS.

Many Englishmen indulge in a cold tub all the year round, but this is quite another matter to a dip in open water. There were 47 hardy enthusiasts for the Serpentine Christmas Morning Handicap—the 43rd venture, by the way—and two more for the Highgate Ponds races. In the former event the men had to undress and dress in the open, which was certainly a more trying ordeal than the swim, as a cold east-wind was blowing. Many people may consider these races foolish, but there is no questioning the fact that all the year round bathers are singularly free from colds and like ailments. No doubt it is a case of the survival of the fittest and while some men can stand it, the exposure would settle many.

CRICKET.

We must make up our minds to the fact that A. O. Jones will not be able to captain England's cricketers in the second test match and possibly not even in the third. This means a serious handicap indeed, still we must hope for the best. Our team for the second test ought to be stronger than the eleven beaten at Sydney. Hobbs and Hayes played good cricket at Melbourne in the match following the Test and they will no doubt come into our first eleven. Probably one of the fast bowlers will be dropped and there is no great necessity for Blythe's inclusion, with Rhodes available. This would still leave such bowlers as Rhodes, Braund, Crawford, Hayes and either Fielder or Barnes. The match at Melbourne gave Rhodes another opportunity of showing his worth with the willow, his 105 not out being a capital effort. He and Fielder played lively cricket at the end and put on 95 runs for the ninth wicket in about 30 mins. (the Kent Bowler scoring half a century) when the innings was declared closed. Hobbs (77) and Hayes (98) were the others to do well, and the total (500 for 9) was distinctly good. The Victoria team almost equalled this (489 for 9) but the Englishmen were certainly not very serious, when a draw was assured, Hobbs, Hutchings and Gunn taking a turn with the ball, so as to rest the regular trundlers. Tarrant (159) and Armstrong (117) were top scorers for Victoria and they also did best with the ball.

THE TURF.

The wish is often father to the thought when sportsmen predict good things for His Majesty's horses. It is quite likely, however, that in Perrier, the first gentleman in Europe owns a colt that is worthy to carry the Royal colours. Persimmon, Diamond Jubilee and Ambush II did great things, but of late His Majesty's luck has been of the worst, so that if the son of Persiminon-Amphora should turn out a "flier" there will be much satisfaction in sporting circles. The colt has only run once (in the Dewhurst Plate) and was then only semi-trained, but the connection were delighted with his performance—second to Rhodoria. Perrier is a big colt and looked a bit coarse, but will no doubt fine down with development, and there is sound reason for hoping he will shine among the three year old cracks of 1908.

A MODEL COURSE.

The Newbury Racecourse is the most up-to-date in England and reflects great credit to John Porter, the manager, and others who interested themselves in the undertaking. The balance sheet on the year has just been issued and shows a satisfactory state of affairs. Over £19,000 was given in added money during 1907 and the revenue has grown from £26,000 odd to just over £38,000. In all, the year's working shows a profit of £7,358 and there is every reason to expect matters to go well at Newbury, which is the centre of numerous training establishments.

ITEMS.

Home sportsmen are pleased to learn that Mr. Abe Bailey thinks so highly of the possibilities of horse breeding in South Africa,—mating the English stallion with the Boer pony. A private bill is to be introduced next Parliamentary session, which aims at limiting the number of days' racing at each course (New Market excepted) to six and placing the licensing power in the hands of the County Councils.

F. Mason tops the list of winning jockeys under National Hunt Rules, with 20 victories out of 64 mounts, the list being compiled from August 5th last.

Though the weather was bitterly cold at Kempton Park yesterday, there was a capital attendance to see the holiday fixture decided and which produced some excellent racing.

FOOTBALL.

The English amateurs easily vanquished the representatives of Holland in the International Association match at Darlington on Saturday, winning by 12 goals to 2. The Dutchmen lacked the speed of their rivals, but have a good knowledge of the game. Another International was played at Paris on Christmas Day, between a London team and a Paris team, the former winning by 6 goals to 1.

Some surprising League results have been seen during the Christmas Holidays. Manchester United (at home) proved too strong for Manchester City and Bury, and the leaders will certainly take some dethroning. At the other end of the table we find Birmingham and Chelsea doing big things. The former (at home) gained capital wins over Sheffield Wednesday (2—1) and Manchester City (2—1), while Chelsea (4—1) beat Liverpool on the latter's ground, after losing (4—3) to Preston at Stamford bridge and holding a lead of 3 to 1 at one stage. While Manchester United enjoys a long lead in the First Division, there has been a closing of the ranks in the Second Division through the defeat of Oldham Athletic at Leicester and Derby County at Bradford. Dundee has also fallen from grace in the Scottish League, losing by 2 goals to 1 on entertaining Glasgow Rangers and drawing (1—1) on visiting. Third Lanark, Falkirk and Celtic however still gather in points, the former's 5 goals to 2 win over St. Mirren and Celtics 4 goals to 1 victory over Kilmarnock being striking performances.

ON BANK HOLIDAY.

The Boxing Day matches served to show some of the clubs near the bottom of the table to advantage. Thus the win (1—0) of Chelsea over Middesbrough puts the [club into twelfth place, while Birmingham's draw on receiving Nott's County and the splendid win of Sunderland (3—2) on going to Sheffield Wednesday's ground, greatly improves the chances of these, the two bottom teams, of avoiding the Second Division. Fulham gained a notable win (3—1) over Bradford City in a Second Division match, while Derby County drew on receiving Chesterfield, so that there has been a further levelling up.

RUGBY.

Southern Rugby football appears to be flourishing now and the win (26 points to 3) over the Northerners in the trial at Hartlepool has given footballers something to talk over. England's representative in this season's International will certainly differ considerably from last season and new men are likely to get a chance. Another important trial was the Anglo-Scots and Provinces of Scotland at Edinburgh match when the Anglo-Scots came out on top by fifteen points to three. The London Scottish did not fare so well against Glasgow Academicals on Christmas Day, going under by 18 points to 8. On the same day Swansea (at home) just beat Watsonians, 6 points to 5, and the results speak well for the strength of Scottish football. The downfall of Cardiff has also to be chronicled, Llanelly (at home) bringing this about by 5 points to 3. Other items of interest in the Rugby world are that it is now decided that a team will visit. New Zealand in the Spring. Scotland and Ireland will not join in, but Wales will co-operate with the English authorities, in what is hoped will counteract the professional progress in New Zealand.

INDIAN GUARANTEE ASSOCIATION.

The Report of the Directors of the Indian Guarantee and Suretyship Association, Limited, for the year ending 31st December to be presented to the Thirty-Sixth Annual General Meeting of Shareholders, to be held at Oriental Buildings, Bombay, on Friday, the 17th January; reads as follows:—

During the year ending 31st December 1907, 215 proposals were made to the Company for guaranteeing sums amounting in the aggregate to Rs. 4,06,700, of which there have been accepted and completed 195, aggregating Rs. 3,44,200. On the New Policies effected during the year, the Annual Premiums amount to Rs. 3,818-12. During the year 107 bonds, guaranteeing Rs. 2,13,350 have lapsed by change of employment or otherwise, without loss to the Association. There has been no claim preferred during the year on account of guarantee obligations, but one for an amount of Rs. 10,000, referred to in last year's Report, is still under consideration. The Revenue of the year ending 31st December 1907, as appears from the Accounts certified by the Auditor, appended hereto, amounts to Rs. 18,306-13-4; to which add balance from last year's account, Rs. 11,271-13-4; together Rs. 29,578-10-8. The expenditure, including Advertisements, Printing charges and Income Tax, &c., has been Rs. 5,197-0; the sum set aside on account of Dividend for 1906, Rs. 6,250; total Rs. 11,447-0, making a divisible surplus of Rs. 18,131-1-8. The sum of Rs. 1,881-1-8, is recommended to be carried to Reserve Fund which will then amount to Rs. 89,331 1 8, and out of the balance of Rs. 16,250 the Directors recommend the payment of a dividend at the rate of 12½ per cent. on the paid-up Capital for the year ending 31st December 1907, which will absorb Rs. 6,250 carrying forward a balance of Rs. 10,000 to next year's account. The Directors have considered it expedient not to carry a larger amount to the Reserve Fund owing to the possibility of a payment having to be made on account of the claim before referred to. One of the Directors, Mr. R. Patterson Brown, and the Auditor, Mr. M. M. Dadina, retire, but offer themselves for re-election. The Directors have pleasure in placing before the Shareholders the foregoing Report, in the full confidence that they will appreciate the policy adopted in the management of the Association's affairs, and be encouraged to assist the efforts of the Directors by recommending the Association to the favourable consideration of their friends and business connections. It is essential that each Shareholder should realise the importance of his endeavouring to promote at all times the welfare of the Association. The Directors congratulate the Shareholders on the results of the year's working.

INDIANS IN THE TRANSVAAL.

"FINGER PRINTS INDISPENSABLE."

Mr. Smuts on Agitators.

SYMPATHY FROM CAPE COLONY.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, JANUARY 11.

A meeting of Indians took place at Capetown to-day, to express sympathy with their brethren in the Transvaal and praise them for their resistance.

LONDON, JANUARY 13.

Mr. Smuts, speaking at Pretoria, said they must differentiate between ordinary Asiatics and their leaders so long as the leaders agitated he would carry out his duty.

The Government, he said, had already shown so much leniency that the people had partly lost confidence in them.

Should Asiatics even now register it would be the Government's duty to give them another chance and if necessary to submit the matter to Parliament, but it was impossible to leave the offer open indefinitely Finger prints, he said, were indispensable.

The Government would keep the Transvaal a White man's country, whatever ill-informed people in England said.

THE SOMALILAND RAID.

Testing the Tripartite Agreement.

REPARATION PROMISED.

LONDON, JANUARY 13.

A Despatch from Rome states that Great Britain France and Germany have telegraphed to their respective representatives at Adisabeba to support the Italian Minister in the demands he is making of King Menelik.

LATER.

In reply to the protest of the Italian Government King Menelik professed ignorance of the raid at which he said he was deeply grieved. The frontier chiefs had defied his orders. He promised the exemplary punishment of the offenders and the payment of an indemnity to the sufferers, and said he was determined to maintain the *status quo*.

THE DUBLIN CASTLE JEWEL ROBBERY.

Adequacy of the Commission.

SIR ARTHUR VICARS WANTS A PUBLIC ENQUIRY.

LONDON, JANUARY 13.

In reply to a letter from Sir Arthur Vicars, stepbrother to the Earl of Aberdeen, asking for a complete public judicial enquiry, the Lord Justices, acting in the Earl of Aberdeen's absence, declare that the Commission of Enquiry is fully adequate and that Sir Arthur Vicars must bear the responsibility of his non-participation in it.

SITUATION IN TEHERAN.

Secret Sitting of Parliament.

INCOMPETENCE OF THE POLICE.

LONDON, JANUARY 13.

Reuter wires from Teheran that Parliament has, held a secret sitting to discuss the situation on the frontier and its relations with the Government which are again unsatisfactory.

There is much popular indignation at the incompetence of the police in view of the number of murders that go unpunished.

MOROCCAN AFFAIRS.

Mulai Hafid's Proclamation Causes Anxiety.

LONDON, JANUARY 10.

The proclamation of Muley Hafid as Sultan at Fez is recognized as a grave event and is causing perturbation in Paris. Some quarters, however, are disposed to question its importance in view of the constant seesaw of Moroccan politics.

CHOLERA AT HEDJAZ.

Enormous Death Roll.

LONDON, JANUARY 12.

Since the 13th December, there have been 2,260 cases and 1,690 deaths from cholera at Hedjaz, and 841 cases and 673 deaths from the same cause at Mecca between the 5th and 9th instant.

To-day three deaths from cholera are reported at Constantinople.

THE AMERICAN FLEET.

LONDON, JANUARY 12.

The American Fleet has arrived at Rio de Janeiro.

NEW AEROPLANE RECORD.

Prize for Circular Trip Won.

LONDON, JANUARY 13.

A telegram from Paris states that Mr. Henry Farman has won the Deutsch Archdeacon Prize of £2,000 by covering with an Aeroplane a circular kilometre in 88 seconds.

THE IN-COMING MAIL.

ADEN, JANUARY 12.

The P. and O. Company's s. s. "Egypt," with the English Mails of the 3rd instant left here for Bombay at 6 p.m. to-day.

SOCIALIST DEMONSTRATION IN BERLIN.

The Franchise in Prussia.

CONFLICT WITH THE POLICE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, JANUARY 12.

The Social Democrats to-day held eight meetings in Berlin, in fourteen suburbs, in favour of an extension of the Reichstag Franchise in Prussia.

After the meetings, 30,000, Socialists, in ten columns, attempted to march to the Palace and the Unter den Linden, but all access was barred.

The Police broke up the procession with great difficulty, and at one point bloodshed took place.

BRITISH BOYCOTT IN CHINA.

Arrest of Native Bank Manager.

SUPPRESSING THE AGITATION.

LONDON, JANUARY 12.

Reuter wires from Shanghai that the attempt to boycott British firms in connection with the Peking Railway Loan dispute, has resulted in the arrest of the ex-Censor and Manager of the local Bank, charged with endangering order in the Settlement.

The Peking Government has ordered the arrest of four prominent men, including the Chairman of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, for countenancing the agitation.

AUSTRALIAN CRICKET.

The Third Test Match.

LONDON, JANUARY 13.

In the Third Test Match the English team completed their first innings for 393.

Australia in their second innings have made 133 for four wickets.

OBITUARY.

LONDON, JANUARY 13.

The death is announced of General Sir F. J. Goldsmith.

[Sir Frederic John Goldsmid, (retired) Indian Staff Corps, was born at Milan, in 1818; the only son of the late Lionel P. Goldsmid; married 1849, Mary (*d.* 1900) daughter of the late Lieut.-General G. M. Steuart, Sir Frederic was educated at private schools in Paris; King's Coll. School; and King's Coll. London. He served in the China War, 1840-41; was with Turkish troops in Eastern Crimea, 1855-56; on special mission and political employment under Bombay Government, 1862-64; Chief Director of Government Indo-European Telegraph, 1865-70; Bombay Commissioner for settlement of Perso-Beluch frontier, and Arbitrator in Perso-Afghan question of Siestan, 1870-72; member of International Commission sent out to the French island of Reunion on emigration of Indian coolies, 1877; British Controller of Daira Sanieh, Egypt, 1880-83; received thanks of Commander-in-Chief Expeditionary Force and of War Office for services during the Egyptian Campaign. Publications: "Telegraph and Travel" 1 vol. 8vo, 1874; "James Outram," a biography, 2 vols. 8vo, 1880; contributions to Encyclopedia Britannica and many journals and periodicals.]

LANOWLI SHUNTING ACCIDENT.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

POONA, JANUARY 13.

On the 7th instant at a little after 11 p.m. and just after the 19 Down Poona Passenger train arrived and left Lanowli Station. Shunting was being performed at the Khandalla end of the Lanowli yard, when five wagons heavily loaded with loose stone and lime left Lanowli on the Down line. They were shunted off by the shunting engine and ran away and passed through Khandalla at the rate of about 80 or 90 miles an hour. The trap points were set for the trap siding and the wagons passed across the Up line through the catch siding points. The rear wagon got derailed after just entering the catch siding, and it tore the line up the catch siding for about 200 yards and then toppled over to a Hindu temple slightly injuring the priest, who might, have been killed had this wagon's couplings not given way. It is inconceivable what catastrophe might have occurred had a train travelling up the ghauts at the time come into contact with these runaway wagons after they sped down from Khandalla.

As luck would have it the 19 Down Poona Passenger arrived at Lanowli ten minutes before or the consequence would have been too dreadful to contemplate had the wagons met this train on the journey up to Lanowli.

The speed these runaway wagons got into was so great that it bent and twisted the rails like a corkscrew for over 200 yards breaking tie rods and pot-sleepers all the way up the catch sidings. Nothing could possibly have stood before the runaway wagons. Never has it been known since the Bhor Ghauts were opened for wagons to leave a yard engineless and run down a steep incline on their own account.

In view of the seriousness of the accident strict enquiry has been deemed imperative.

LALA LAJPATRAI IN CALCUTTA.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, JANUARY 13.

There was to-night a large gathering in College Square to welcome Lala Lajpat Rai. Babu Surendra Nath Banoerjee presided and began his address by criticising in very strong terms the deportation of the guest of the evening. The proceedings included the garlanding of Lala Lajpat Rai and Mr. Gokhale. Rain threatened, but a couple of thousand students and others were present.

THE "YUGANTUR" SEDITION CASE.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, JANUARY 13.

The hearing of the "Yugantur" sedition case was continued to-day before Mr. Kingsford, who reserved Judgment.

THE Rev. R. H. Lonsdale, M.A., a Second Class Classic of Trinity College, Cambridge, is expected to arrive at Trichinopoly on the 27th instant, to take up work as a Professor at the S.P.G. College in that place. Another Professor is expected to follow him shortly.

THE "Medical Press and Circular" says that the "grotesque theory still propounded by some killjoys that pips in the Christmas pudding cause appendicitis is a hoary turnip-headed scarecrow. So far from upsetting the digestion, there can be nothing finer, more digestible, nourishing, toothsome and sustaining than good, wholesome English plum-pudding made from a sound recipe."

PINJRAPOLE FOR MADRAS.

Opened by the Governor.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

MADRAS, JANUARY 13.

The Governor opened a Pinjrapole here on Saturday for which Messrs Chathirbhujadass, Kussardoss and Sons, a firm of Guzerati merchants in Sowcarpet, gave 12 acres of ground, and liberal donations were made by many philanthropic Marwaris and Jains. The largest donation, which has enabled the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals to establish the Pinjrapole with a small funded capital was the one lakh of rupees given by H. H. the Maharani Kumrika Sahib of Vizianagram, the enlightened and philanthropic Sirdarin of the late Maharajah of Vizianagram. Mr. Justice Boddam, President of the Society for the last 10 years, to whom the establishment of the Pinjrapole in a large measure was due, paid a well deserved tribute to Her Highness for her generosity, as did the Governor who also referred to this lady's recent gift of Rs, 50,000 in aid of the movement to make better provision for the comfort and welfare of Indian students studying at the Edinburgh University.

EARTHQUAKE ON QUETTA RAILWAY.

Sharigh Station Damaged.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

QUETTA, JANUARY 13.

Two severe shocks of earthquake occurred yesterday afternoon at Sharigh, damaging the Railway Station and the quarters of the Railway Staff. There were no injuries to persons.

LIEUT-COL. BROWNRIGG.

Struck by Paralysis.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

MADRAS, JANUARY 13.

Lieut-Colonel Brownrigg, C. R. E., Fort Saint George, burst a blood vessel in the brain on Friday evening, while riding back from polo and was conveyed to Royapettah Hospital. His condition is very serious, this unfortunate officer's right side being paralysed.

JALARPET-MANGALORE RAILWAY LINE.

To be Taken over by the S. I. R.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

MADRAS, JANUARY 13.

The South Indian Railway authorities will take over charge of the section of the Madras Railway to the west of Jalarpet up to Mangalore on 1st February.

RAILWAY CONCILIATION BOARDS.

Meetings of Agents to be Held in Calcutta.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, JANUARY 13.

A meeting of the Agents and Managers of the principal Railways in India will be held here from the 30th instant, Mr. Manson, Agent of the Bengal Nagpur Railway, presiding, to discuss the details of the formation of the Railway Conciliation Boards proposed by the Railway Board.

FATAL RAILWAY COLLISION.

Travelling with Wrong "Line Clear."

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LUCKNOW, JANUARY 13.

There was a collision between the Down Mixed train and the Up Goods train early on Sunday morning between Kanti and Muzaffarpure stations, the Goods train having left Muzaffarpure on a wrong Line Clear.

The Driver of the Mixed train was slightly injured and the native fireman killed.

No injury to passengers is reported although several vehicles of both trains were derailed.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

BOMBAY BRIGADE ORDERS.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14.

The following arrivals and departures are published :—

NORTHERN ARMY.

ARRIVALS.—Lieutenant G. R. Bird, 4th Rajputs, and Captain A. M. Heunell, 32nd Lancers. Arrived and landed, ex S. S. "Oriental," on 10th instant.

DEPARTURES.—Nil.

SOUTHERN ARMY

ARRIVALS—Nil.

DEPARTURES.—Nil.

The undermentioned Officers embarked at Bombay for Colombo, per R. I. M. S. "Dufferin," on the 8th of January :—Lieutenant-Colonel A. Leonard, Major G. Fraser, Captain F. Fisher, Captain V. Tregear, Captain W. Cotton, Lieutenant Mitford, Lieutenant B. Hall, Lieutenant J. Carey, 98th Infantry; and Lieutenant-Colonel H. Greany I. M. S.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, JANUARY 13.

The 1st Kohet Mountain Battery leaves Abbottabad from Dehra Ismail Khan and the 29th Mountain Battery move for Dehra Ismail Khan to Abbottabad during the winter.

The Royal Humane Society has awarded its bronze medal to Major H. C Holman, D. S O, for gallantly saving a man from drowning in Switzerland is September last.

The Government of India have decided that in future any loose ammunition in possession of Units should be used up regimentally at practice instead of being returned to Arsenals and Depots as at present. This decision does not apply to ammunition withdrawn on account of defects or unreliability, which will be converted to blank or broken up as may be necessary.

Existing orders, under British and Indian Units and Volunteer Corps obtain loose ammunition from the Ordnance Department at one-third cost price, have been cancelled.

The following drafts embarked at Southampton on H. T. "Assaye" which is due at Bombay on the 30th instant :—

2nd Cheshires 95; 2nd East Yorks 150; 1st Devons 201; 2nd Dorsets 161; 1st Essex 160; 2nd Royal Welsh Fusiliers 175; 1st Derbys 140; Royal Horse Artillery 13; Royal Field Artillery 100; Royal Garrison Artillery 104; Sergt.-Major Hennet, 44th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery; Sergt. Lyons, 1st Battalion, Warwicks.

THE net gold and silver imports into India in the first eight months of the current year are valued at twenty-nine crores of rupees, of which fifteen crores, being nearly the whole of the silver, have been coined into rupees.

OPIUM revenue to date in spite of some falling off in Bombay pass duty is still forty-three lakhs of rupees better than the estimate.

UNDER THE SOUTHERN CROSS.

THE NEW DEFENCE POLICY.

Federal Capital Site.

SETTLEMENT IN VICTORIA.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

* MELBOURNE, DECEMBER 30.

Notwithstanding the many adverse comments from differing points of view made upon the new defence policy and programme of the Federal Government, as propounded in Mr. Deakin's speech on 13th December, Ministers express themselves as by no means dismayed by the reception accorded it. The discussion which is proceeding is regarded as distinctly helpful, and likely to lead to a concentration in the debates in Parliament in March next which should prove advantageous. It is expected that by March many of the difficulties now blocking the way will have been overcome. The Admiralty will have more plainly defined its attitude; the position of the State Premiers with reference to compulsory cadets will have been made clear; the minutiæ of the organisation of the National Guard will have been worked out in greater detail; and other matters left in a somewhat hazy position in the Prime Minister's utterances will have assumed practical shape. It is expected, moreover, that before Parliament meets again, or shortly afterwards, the Minister of Defence or the Prime Minister will issue a memorandum on the military portion of the new programme, which will give fuller information than is at present available. Militia and volunteer officers naturally desire to know how they are to be absorbed into the proposed Australian National Guard, and under what financial arrangement they are to be made responsible for the training of a triply expanded citizen army. Unless these and other points are cleared up by Mr. Ewing or Mr. Deakin, the whole scheme is likely to be adversely pre-judged before Parliament assembles. On the whole, the criticism advanced by militia officers is fair, if adverse in tone. An exception was provided by "a leading militia officer," who, behind the screen of anonymity, used the columns of a contemporary to disseminate a number of canards. Amongst other things, this person is reported to have said, "It is openly asserted in well-informed quarters that the Inspector-General (Major-General Hoad) was astonished when he read the Prime Minister's speech. He had not been consulted in the matter, or, if he had been, his advice was not followed." It is to be feared that this "leading militia officer" is behind the times, or else is a wilful misrepresenter of the facts. He must have known, if he is a "leading" militia officer, that Major-General Hoad was consulted by the Government when framing its policy, whatever the effect of the advice given may have been. He must also have known that it was impossible for the general to have been "astonished when he read the Prime Minister's speech," for the simple reason that he has not yet seen it.

FEDERAL CAPITAL SITE.

The Premier laid on the table of the Sydney Legislative Assembly on Thursday copies of correspondence between the Commonwealth and State Governments regarding the Federal capital site. The correspondence is in supplementation of documents put before Parliament in 1905 and 1906, and commences with a letter from Mr. Wade to the Prime Minister dated 31st October, 1907. Mr. Wade in his letter strongly presses for a definite assurance that the question be dealt with during the present session. Mr. Deakin, in reply, reminded Mr. Wade that there was already an act on the Federal Statute Book determining the nighborhood of Dalgety as the seat of Government, but pointed out that practically the whole of the present session would be taken up with the tariff and other important measures, and no opening for other business, however urgent, had yet presented itself. The Commonwealth had made many efforts to select the most fitting site, and it would have been chosen long ago but for disagreements as to the precise locality preferred. Mr Wade wrote that he had no desire to reopen the question as to the claim of the State to control the action of the Federal Parliament, but would like Mr. Deakin to make a definite promise with regard to the immediate future. He added that failing a definite undertaking "this State must therefore at the proper time take all the necessary steps to assert its rights with regard to the question under review. The responsibility of creating any further disaffection against the Commonwealth rule must be laid on the shoulders of your Government, who have refused to take a very simple step in honoring the Federal compact." Mr. Deakin replied on the 17th inst., again intimating that the bill would be proceeded with at the earliest convenient date before the end of the current session, unless it was found to be hopeless to expect that a decision would be reached before prorogation. "Since a sincere endeavor to oblige," added Mr. Deakin, "has, whether intentionally or not, been grossly misconstrued, it would be profitless to pursue this correspondence. The Government has refused nothing, although it was under no obligation. It made a promise, which will be fulfilled as honorably as if its courtesy had been appreciated and reciprocated." In acknowledging this with satisfaction in a letter under to-day's date, Mr. Wade says that he had "never regarded the settlement of this question as a matter of concession but as a right owing to the citizens of the Commonwealth," and that he was under the impression that Mr. Deakin shared that view.

PAYMENT OF CRICKETERS.

At a meeting of the Victorian Cricket Association on Saturday night the president (Mr. Donald Mackinnon, M. L. A.) welcomed Mr. A. W. Green, manager of the New South Wales cricket team. Mr. Green, in thanking the members, said that all the Associations in Australia had recently been through a serious struggle. As far as the little difficulty for which the meeting had been held was concerned, he was glad it had ended so amicably. The apology of Armstrong, under the circumstances, was all that could be expected. The Association had fought a great battle, and it had been hard work to get the public to understand that the managers of cricket in the various States were in the game for the game's sake, and not for what could be got out of it. There had been some players who thought sometimes that they should rule, and that the men who gave up night after night should take a back seat without having any say in the management of the game. That was a wrong position to take up. They must have a clean government if they wanted a clean game. The sport must be kept pure and free from suspicion. Players must understand that if they wanted to be amateurs they must play under amateur conditions, if as professionals then they could play under professional conditions. The time was coming when it would be necessary to review the position of cricket in Australia. With the increase of big cricket there must be some definite arrangement as to expenses and payment to players Men could not be away from business for a long time at a stretch, as was some-times required, without being recouped for their loss. There was nothing derogatory in taking a professional fee. Men who lost business time in playing cricket ought to be recouped up to a certain limit. If the Association could not pay these amounts then they would have to say so. They certainly could not go on paying the enormous fees asked for unless they received a larger share of the money collected from the public. The grounds looks far too much under the present conditions. At the recent test match in Sydney 52,000 people paid for admission, and there were 30,000 dead heads. As far as the Sydney Association was concerned, if the Association provided that sport they must have a share of the proceeds. They could not get on with two-thirds of the gate receipts. The Board of Control would have to take the matter in hand, and see that it got its fair share of members' subscriptions. It was an important question, and must be faced sooner or later.

SETTLEMENT IN VICTORIA.

The Board which has been dealing with over 3,000 applications received in respect of 249 blocks made available under the improved Small Holdings Act, has issued a list of successful applicants. The Board reports that 3,126 represented the total number of persons who applied. Of these 194 are deemed undesirable applicants, 1,915 are deemed desirable applicants, 249 were recommended, and 1,466 are desirable applicants who cannot be satisfied until further land has been acquired. The average age of the recommended applicants is 38 years, and the settlers and their families number 1,507 persons. The total area purchased is 2,862 acres. Seven estates have been purchased, situated at Thomastown, Mordialloc, Geelong, Wangaratta, Bellarine, Warragul, and Daylesford. The land acquired is of good quality, close to centres of population, and having good roads and good markets. The eagerness displayed by the applicants was very striking although they knew that each was only one in 3,000 the majority came long distances in most trying circumstances, to attend the Board. Some walked a distance of 25 or 30 miles, others rode 100 miles on bicycles or travelled long distances by the train, and had a long weary wait until they could be heard.

AN EXCITING ADVENTURE.

On Friday morning, at about 10 o'clock, a fisherman's boat, the Seagull, was sailing from Fremantle towards Mandurah. The boat contained Messrs. Reynolds, the owner, Wittman, and Salmon. When about six miles from Mandurah, and while the boat was drifting and the occupants were engaged in whiting fishing, Mr. Reynolds perceived an enormous shark lying on top of the water about 20 yards off and parallel to the boat. He called the attention of the others to the shark, and almost simultaneously it savagely dashed straight at the boat, striking it on the water-line nearly amidships, and crashed through the planking. It drove its head right through the boat for a distance of about 2ft. Mr. Reynolds attacked the monster with the tiller. He struck it on the head twice and poked it in the eye, whereupon the shark slid back into the water. A hole 2ft. long and 13in. wide marked the place where the shark had struck the boat. The occupants blocked up the hole as well as they were able to with pillows, blankets, rugs, etc., and threw overboard some of the ballast, at the same time trimming the boat to keep the hole above water as much as possible. Sail was made, and with considerable difficulty another fishing boat, belonging to Mr. G. Tozer, was reached. Mr. Tozer took the disabled boat in tow and sent some persons on board to assist in baling out the water. The party at length reached Mandurah, where the boat will undergo temporary repairs. A piece of the broken planking, measuring about 12in. by 8, in which part of one of the shark's teeth was embedded, was picked up by Mr. Reynolds.

A SANCTUARY FOR CRIMINALS.

Sydney is expected by the police authorities to become very shortly the happy hunting ground of all the confidence men, spielers, petty thieves, and pick-pockets of the Commonwealth. These preyers upon society are being rapidly driven out of Victoria and New Zealand by recent legislation, and, owing to the fact that the vagrancy laws of New South Wales are practically inoperative, it is feared that in Sydney they will congregate. Men of this undesirable class cannot be arrested as vagrants while they are able to produce funds, and they are seldom without money and they must be caught in the act of trickery or theft before hands can be laid on them. The necessity for an amendment of the present law is recognised, but Parliament adjourned without any attempt being made to remedy the matter. The police state that well-known criminals who have for years given Sydney a wide berth are now coming back in large numbers. Indeed, it is asserted that this city is already the head-quarters of an inter-State organisation of gamblers, confidence men, and other criminals.

TATTERSALL'S SWEEPS.

Every few days the Postmaster-General is presented with the names of agents of Tattersall's, in Tasmania. The prohibition of these agents, however, merely leads to the appointment of others unknown to the Deparement. Money used to be forwarded through a banking institution, and intimation that this means of communication existed was printed on all tickets and circulars issued by Tattersall's. The attention of the Postmaster-General was drawn to this, and he conveyed to the banking institution such a stern threat that Tattersall's sent out to investors who had sent money through that channel a message of warning advising them to communicate through their friends in Hobart. The Postmaster-General continues to wage the war of prohibition against individuals.

A.

THE THANA PASTORAL VISIT.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—With reference to the letter, signed, "Quick Rat," and published in your issue of date, I beg to point out that the version given by him calls for correction, as it is misleading. He makes it appear as if the good Bishop of Damaun, moved to pity and compassion by the poverty of the parishioners of Thana, heard their representations and, in the overflowing of his love and affection for his flock, was very graciously pleased to frame a schedule of reduced fees, which has been so kindly hung up for the information of the congregation and yet the Thana Catholics were so ungrateful as to give him an unenthusiastic reception and show him the cold shoulder! But, Sir, it appears, "Quick Rat" has little regard for truth. The schedule referred to by him represents enhanced fees, the source of discontent, and the cause of the absence of the confraternities, &c. from last Saturday's function.

As to the presence of the police, I find that they were posted long before the Divine Service, and went their way after the service was over, and were not on duty during the Prize Distribution. This settles the business in favour of your correspondent of the 8th Instant and sends the "Rat" "Quick" to his hole.—Yours, &c.

AUDI ALTERAM PARTEM.

January 11.

II

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—In reply to Mr. "Quick Rat," I may briefly state the facts, which are as follows:—On a Sunday about six months ago Rev. C. A. Pereira, Vicar, St. John the Baptist's Thana, read out during the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass a list of charges in respect of christenings, marriages, funerals, &c., The parishoners found that the new list was an attempt to levy much higher impost and accordingly petitioned His Grace the Archbishop-Bishiop of Damaun to consider their case and to keep the old rates. His Grace replied to the representation by issuing higher rates and the schedule embodying these enhancements is the list put up in the Sacristy and to which "Quick Rat" refers. Against these enhancements, further representations were made, but they fell on deaf ears. Accordingly, it was resolved that at the Pastoral Visit no confraternities, &c., should turn out to receive the August Visitor, as a mark of protest, which would carry some weight with the Prelate and his advisers, and show them how keenly the actions are felt. No address of welcome was given to the Prelate, which proves how deep is the discontent.

The police were on duty in the church premises from 3 p.m. to 6-30 p.m. and the Divine Service at which the Most Rev. Dom S. J. Pereira officiated commenced at 5 p.m. and lasted till 6-30 p.m. The Prize Distribution ceremony took place at 7 p.m. the same evening and no police were in attendance. This disposes of the story of Mr. "Quick Rat."

January, 13. THANA CORRESPONDENT.

III.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—In your issue of the 13th Instant, another Thana correspondent, "Justice" gives the plain facts of the case. It may amuse your readers to know that the Vicar of Thana had nothing to do with the introduction of the schedule of charges. As one of the Delegates appointed by the parishioners I may tell "Justice" that the Vara had framed the charges and that the Vicar, as the Vara told us, could not help him being newly appointed to the place. On the day we presented the table of charges with the modifications desired by us, we brought to the notice of the Vara that besides other minor charges the parish desired that in case of funerals many items should be left to the choice of the people. That I may be understood, I may mention that if a 3rd or 4th class grave is taken in the Church one was obliged to pay Rs. 10 for tolling bells, to call besides the Vicar two other priests—now one—to pay for the office of the dead, for three singing masses and a number of low masses &c. The parish considers the charge of Rs. 10 for tolling as exhorbitant and that one should not be compelled to do things he considers superfluous, and not forced as we have learned, in other parishes. On that very day the Vara had to admit that he had not properly considered the case of the poor. I admit some reduction has been made in the cemetery graves where also the people have no choice left. This has been a long standing and chief grievance in the parish. Has anything been done towards this! I do not wish to trouble you with other details and show point by point what has been ordered or reduced. Your correspondents have force me to write to you.

A DELEGATE.

[This Correspondence is now closed.—ED. *B.G.*]

BOMBAY CORPORATION.

The Grain Duty Abolition.

MR. WACHA'S POWERFUL APPEAL.

A meeting of the Bombay Municipal Corporation was held in the Municipal Chambers, yesterday afternoon, the Hon. Mr. Vithaldas Damodher Thackersy, presiding.

On the suggestion of the Commissioner the Corporation sanctioned a grant of Rs. 19,899 for the purpose of making an allowance of Re. 1-8 per mensem to certain temporary Municipal employes.

Mr. Joseph Baptista moved that the town duty be passed at Rs 12,50,000.

Dr. Dadachanji seconded the proposition.

The Hon'ble Mr. H. S. Dikshit seconded the amendment.

Mr. Wacha moved the amendment of which he had given notice, namely to abolish the grain duty of annas 4 per maund. After having observed in his preamble that from the earliest days of his Councillorship of some eighteen years and over, he said he had consistently expressed his disapproval on economic grounds the utter undesirability of having such a duty as part of the fiscal system of the Municipality. He stated that the town duties have been a kind of institution in the Municipality for fifty years at the least, and that like all Corporations, which never try to forego duties, it may be the Bombay Corporation had stuck fast to them. There have been serious controversies half a dozen times, not only in and out of the Corporation, but in the Legislation Council itself. Any how during the past years owing to the scarcity of Municipal revenue and its limited resources, it was deemed inexpedient to forego the revenue from grain duty. But there is not the least doubt that the last five years have seen Municipal finance greatly flourishing, so much so that in the Administration Report for 1904-05 it was observed that "a phenomenal increase in revenue had been reached, the highest sum ever realised in the history of the Municipality." That increase has gone on growing ever since. Practically, therefore, the time had come when so objectionable a duty as the grain duty, which was a tax on the necessary of life, should once for all be knocked on the head. The matter required serious attention from two points of view, the economic and the financial. Bread was the staff of life, and in India grain was actually the food of the masses. But all over the world it was now an axiom, and its will, that the food of the people ought never to be taxed. It was injurious in many ways and a no uncertain means of curtailing production, causing physical inefficiency leading to greater mortality. He referred to the opinion of the distinguished statistician, McMullall, that the money paid for food was 45 per cent. of the earnings of mankind, and that, therefore, food regulated the prices of all other commodities, clothing etc., and again that bread 60 per cent. of the sum total of energy in human food.

After referring to John Stuart Mill on the same subject and to the finances of Messrs. Gladstone and Goschen, specially the most vigorous arguments of the latter during the agitation of the Tariff question which brought in "Freefooders" to the front against the Protectionists, Mr. Wacha observed that it was a very serious question now with the poorest masses in the city who live on grain, as their principal food, how far they can make both ends meet with dear rent—fifty and seventy-five per cent higher—and dear grain, at more than famine price these last two years. Enhanced food for them meant restriction in the normal quantity to be daily consumed. The case of enhanced salt duty having reduced consumption from 12lbs. per head per annum to 9lbs. was pointed out as an illustration. Heavier mortality was the result, apart from the still heavier mortality among cattle. But the happy reduction of a Rupee in the duty within recent years had again increased consumption to a very satisfactory degree as acknowledged by the Finance Minister in his last Budget. Necessarily the effect of the endeared grain will ultimately have the same effect. Our operatives and other labourers will deteriorate in physical efficiency which eventually would signify a heavy economic loss. The plague has shown the scarcity of both skilled and unskilled labour, and this enhancement of food is certain to play greater havoc. Indeed, we know how large employers of labour cry about scarcity of workpeople.

After having referred further to some practical economists and statisticians on this aspect of the question, Mr. Wacha went to the financial aspect. The loss of revenue would be 3 lakhs if the duty was abolished; but having regard to all that was urged he would strongly advocate this relief being given. Three objections were brought forward which, however, were all unsound. One was that as this would be a famine year no remission should be allowed. Mr. Wacha observed that it took away his breath to hear such a statement when even the man in the street would recognise that it was the stronger reason to remit, specially in view of the fact that for the last 2 years prices of grain are even more than famine prices. Rice, bajri and jowari, which are the chief grains consumed have all risen 25 and 50 per cent. Is it right, is it expedient that in this economic phenomenon the City representatives should look quietly at the plight of the masses when every sense of justice and humanity imperatively demands instant relief? Then the next objection was that the remission will in no way benefit the consumers but the middleman will profit This is the language of untutored folk and superficial observers and not economic scientists. The street argument was heard in the Hall of the Corporation times out of number. No student of practical economics all over the world would subscribe to the dogma. Of course, remissions do not affect prices at once, but ultimately they do, and he for one would say that even a saving of a rupee per family means for the poorest a great deal It would also be remembered that wages have not risen at all while food prices have gone up 25 per cent. and more. He would ask all large employers of labour whether they could say that wages have risen. But the greatest inconsistency is thus that that very afternoon the Corporation passed a resolution for grain compensation allowance and sometime ago the salary of clerks earning a pittance of Rs. 15 and 20 was raised on this very account. The Government as well as all large employers of labour are allowing grain allowance, All private offices are doing the same and yet the Corporation has done nothing to alleviate the great hardship inflicted by the famine price of grain! Contrast this with the reduction in the property rate from 12 to 10, another to 9 and 8 per cent. In four years the Corporation has needlessly sacrificed a revenue of over 12 lakhs in this direction, but it has done absolutely nothing to remit the grain duty. Thus the classes which are clamant, articulate and besides able to bear the larger taxation are given substantial relief and yet the inarticulate masses are left severely alone, Is there any equity in this? And it should be asked whether those who say the grain duty will not benefit the consumer, whether, the relief from 10 to 8 per cent. on property tax has lowered rents. Everyone from the poorest to the richest know to his great vaxation that the more the landlord classes have received relief from the Corporation the more they have raised the rents still further till the rents have grown to be intolerable Thus both food and shelter for these classes are a source of the greatest hardship. Is the Corporation under the circumstances to sit silent? And never to come to the relief of those poorest masses who are the real producers of wealth? Are there not enough surplus cash balances to meet the deficit or loss of revenue of 3 lakhs? If owing to fat cash balances you have in four years reduced the property tax by 4 per cent why not meet this loss of 3 lakhs from the same source? After going into other figures of revenue cash balances and criticising the vicious system of underrating revenue and overestimating expenditure, Mr. Wacha concluded his observations by appealing to the Corporation to display its sense of justice and fair play, fully warranted by the circumstances and abolish the duty.

Mr. Jamshedji A Wadia observed that he was very glad to see that his friend Mr Wacha had brought forth the proposition. When the question was discussed in the Standing Committee he and his friend Mr. Tod supported the recommendation of Mr. Edwardes to abolish the duty on grain. They realised three lakhs from the duty on grain and a like amount from the duty on sugar. The cost of collection amounted to Rs. 80,000 and there were vexatious cases of refund which caused a lot of confusion. He was in favour of abolishing the Town Duty on grain but at the same time he was anxious that the loss to the revenue should be made up by the increase of property tax. As Mr. Wacha had pointed out they had twice reduced the property tax and brought it down from twelve per cent. to eight per cent. the legal minimum. He was amused at the parrot like argument repeated before them that the tax was an insignificant item and that it did not affect the people. Mr. Baptista had said that the tax amounted to half a pie for a family of four; Mr. Wadia submitted that Mr. Baptista had persistently advocated from the Congress platform the abolition of the salt duty. Mr. Baptista advocated the reduction of salt tax at the Calcutta and Madras and also at the Ahmedabad Congresses which he attended, but he (Mr. Baptista) was wise to remain in Bombay on the occation of the last Congress at Surat, (Laughter). The salt tax when it was at its highest, came to annas four and-a-half per head and the tax on grain and sugar came to ten annas per head. If the salt tax was felt by the masses, the tax on grain and sugar must press with greater forces on the poor people of Bombay. The consumption of salt was three and a half orders of maunds when the tax was high and when it was reduced the consumption of salt went up to four orders of maunds. When the salt tax was reduced, the Hon'ble Mr. Gokhale had pointed out in the Council that the consumption would increase and they now knew it as matter of fact that the consumption had increased tax was unnecessarily had when it fell upon those who were less able to bear it. The duty on grain and sugar should be abolished and instead of the property tax, the grain and sugar tax should be kept in reserve.

On the motion of Sir Bhalchandra Krishna the consideration of this question was postponed till Monday next, and the Corporation meeting was adjourned to Thursday.

THE SEASON IN INDIA.

The Season and Crop Prospects for the week ending Saturday, 4th January, give the following Particulars:—

UNITED PROVINCES.

No rain has fallen and it is everywhere urgently required. Prices have risen in almost all districts and considerably exceed scarcity rates Trade is active and markets are sufficiently supplied by the aid of importation. There is still a sufficient demand for labour. Sowings of spring crops are nearing completion and irrigation continues. Spring crops have germinated well in all except a few districts but its future depends on rain during this month. Most of the western districts and Oudh report some damage to "arhar," sugarcane and garden crops from frost. Sugarcane pressing and cotton picking continue. Poppy is doing well. Agricultural stock is generally in fair condition but the scarcity of fodder is beginning to be more severely felt. There is no marked general increase in crime nor other special features indicating distress. The numbers on relief are 168,859.

The weekly report on the famine and scarcity is as follows:—There is a further increase in the area affected by distress. Famine has been declared in Kheri and the hill portions of Mirzapur, including those portions of the Family Domains and in tahsil Karachna of the Allahabad district. Gratuitous relief has been sanctioned in the Azamgarh, Fyzabad, Budaun and Hamirpur districts and five parganas of the Benares district. The health of those on relief is generally good except for a slight increase of beggars in Benares and Fyzabad cities. The usual signs of distress are absent. The general health of the people is good and private charity active. The numbers on relief are:—On works 100,011; on gratuitous relief 68,848; total 168,859. There are relief works in five and test works in ten districts. The districts with the largest number on relief are Gonda 35,352; Bahraich 32,906; Mirzapur 20,875; Allahabad 18,525; and Jalaun 18,359. Prices are 8 to 10 seers per rupee.

PUNJAB.

Rainfall nil. Prices of food grains are above scarcity rates in all districts except Multan. Prices are still rising in many districts. Pressing of sugarcane and harvesting of "toria" are in progress. Sowings of spring crops are generally finished in Mianwali and Jhang; but still continue on irrigated areas in other districts. The condition of irrigated spring crops is good to average and of unirrigated bad. Unirrigated crops are withering in Hissar for want of rain. The opium crop is average in Lahore and Amritsar. The outturn of "toria" is generally average and of sugarcane below average. Sugarcane has been damaged by frost in Sialkot and by moth-borer and green-fly in Jullundur and

SPORTING NEWS.

BOMBAY HUNT.

A gathering of some seventy people assembled at daybreak at the Cross Roads, Melon Ground on Sunday morning, amongst this number being no less than nine ladies, Mrs. Brattie, Mrs. Rumboll, Mrs. McCausland, Mrs. Priestly, Mrs. Richardson, Mrs. Crum, Miss Crommelin, Miss George, and Miss Nash. There is no denying the fact that our hunting country is a difficult one for ladies to ride over, and to see so many as nine of the fair sex at a meet of our hounds is, I believe, a record. The atmosphere was delightfully cool, and a heavy dew was lying on the ground. The elements were consequently all in favour of a good morning's sport, and the veritable dogged tenacity with which the hounds held to the scent of the two jackals found during the morning showed how favourable the conditions must have been. The first covert to be visited was the one in the direction of Chuckla, and the Pack did not take long to inform us that a jackal had recently been lurking about the precincts. Getting away as if for Chuckla Hill hounds take a turn to the right and sweep round the foot of Sahar Hill, over the exact spot at which we frequently meet, but the jackal evidently had no desire to face the village in front of us and he accordingly piloted us across the melon ground parallel with the Tulsi main water pipe as far as the market gardens close to the Kalina Tank, which we visited during the run last Thursday morning. He did not, however, attempt at first to enter the gardens, but ran to the left of them and into an enclosure immediately beneath the Vakola Barracks on the far side. Hounds chased him round and round this enclosure, and out at the South end into the middle of the village of Kalina, where a considerable time was spent in getting the rascal out of a house in which he had artfully attempted to hide from his pursuers. Eventually it was possible to bolt him, and he again entered the aforesaid enclosure, but did not remain there for long. He soon departed and ran off over a stretch of rice fields past Kalina Church to the Kurla Creek. It is impossible on horseback to get across this creek, and the huge boulders and muddy swamps on either side of it make riding anywhere close to it distinctly perilous work. Fortunately for us the pack were too hot on his scent to admit of his getting any distance beyond the creek, as they caught him and killed him just on the far side of the water.

Time being still in our favour a move was made for the well known woods close by Sahar Village, and the jackal found in this covert must indeed have been a magnificent specimen of his breed, as he gave us what is computed to be the longest run so far this season, although the dense jungle through which we had to ride during the latter part of the run necessarily prevented the pace of the hunt being fast. Getting out of the covert the pack started away to the left of the village of Sahar, and led us over a charming line of excellent riding country as far as the Bickwater. In negotiating this tract of country we enjoyed almost every class of jump in the Salsette district, large banks, stout cactus hedges, and a couple of big deep nullahs, which we had to creep down and up, as the size of these nullahs made them impossible for any horse to fly. On reaching the Bickwater the majority of hunt galloped along the firmly turfed Mango Tope, which runs alongside the water, and crossed the stream by the old stone bridge almost at the end of the Andheri Road. A slight check occurred here as it was difficult at first to see from which part of the thickly wooded enclosure on the other side of the stream the jackal had gone, but the huntsman most successfully lifted his hounds across the road and they at once spoke again to the scent in the paddy fields beyond. Continuing for some little way over these fields they bear to the right and cross the Kurla-Vehar Road and up a steep hill on the other side. We are fortunately able to make use of a pathway which runs round the base of this hill, and are consequently enabled to continue in the wake of the pack through the beautiful open country beyond to the large aloe plantations, which have sprung up in this locality within recent years. Those who rode the correct line had perforce to climb a steep thickly wooded hill, much of the jungle being full of what are known as binders. These consist of long thin strings of stick, which seem to go through the whole length of a big unjumpable hedge, just as if a strand of wire had purposely been placed from one end of the fence to the other. It would not appear a difficult thing at first sight to be able to crash through the bushes, these binders frequently form an effectual bar to one doing anything of the sort. They are not necessarily low down, and it is not by any means uncommon for a binder to just take one about the chest or neck and pull one backwards off one's horse. By dint of hard work, however, we eventually reach the summit of this hill and the view spread out before us is indeed beautiful in the extreme. The whole of the lovely Powai Lake, with its blue waters glistening in the early morning sunlight, expands itself before us, but much as anybody at all aesthetically inclined would have loved to linger in raptures at the imposing scene before us, the stern duty of the chase did not brook any delay. Scrambling down as best we could on the steep slope of the far side of the hill, we were given a certain amount of breathing time when once on to the road, which runs along the side of the lake, as hounds were somewhat at fault. The huntsman felt confident that the jackal was still somewhere about this big hill, and turning up a familiar lane, which leads from the lake into what is known as the Powai Valley, we again make an ascent of the hill, but from a much better a much more easily ridden side of it. Near to the top of the hill the jackal was viewed, by many members of the hunt, squatting beneath a tree, but before the huntsman could bring the hounds to the spot he was off across the aforesaid lane and into some of the thickest and blindest jungle anybody could wish or not wish to see. It was an absolute impossibility to thread our way through this under and over growth except at a walk, but hearing the hounds continually speaking to the scent was a sufficient incentive to make us push forward as hard as we could, though no hounds could of course be seen. This particular jungle covers a large area of country between the Powai Lake and the end of the long range of hills, which runs from Powai almost to Kurla, and in bygone years was doubtless the happy hunting ground of the princely occupants of the great bungalow, now almost disused, which is situated on the shore of the lake. The long, uncut grass made many of the deep ditches which had to be crossed almost impossible to see, and altogether it was not by any means a line of country which one would have taken for choice. Eventually, however, we are glad to leave this labyrinth behind us, and once more get out, as it were, into the open air. we find hounds still continuing this protracted hunt along some more aloe plantations through which we find a very convenient cart tract. Galloping along we think that now at last our difficulties are over, but Heavens, what is this? A narrow stone-built aquaduct with no side walls at all, and a drop of about a hundred feet on either side. Look right, look left, there is no other way of crossing the valley. "A fall's a "awful thing," said the best of lecturers, and the quotation rises unbidden to one's lips as the situation strikes desperate. Providence has been sufficiently tempted already—you won't try her again! Oh, agony! hounds are slipping away hand over hand, and if one is to live with them this razor like bridge must be crossed. Consequently in order to save the unpleasant chance of risking one's life, we dismount and lead our trusty steeds across the aquaduct. Feeling very thankful that we have reached the other side without any mishap, we again mount our horses and continue for a short distance further, but once more it is necessary to lead, as we have to get over the huge Tansa Water Pipe and slither down a veritable precipice on the far side. Seldom indeed do we experience such mountaineering in the course of a fox-hunt. However, finally reaching the lane which runs from Powai to almost Bhandup, we canter down the lane to the Thana main road, and from the paddy fields on the side of this road we watch the hounds still hard at work on the slopes of the huge range of hills, far too steep for anybody to get up on horseback. Eventually this remarkable jackal was able to make good his escape as the increasing strength of the sun was rendering the scent too difficult for hounds to retain. Hounds are accordingly called off, and to show how exceptionally this prak does its work, it may be of interest to state that out of the whole pack only one couple was missing at the end of this exceptionally prolonged hunt. It was a long back home, hounds not getting back to the Jackal Club before about 9 o'clock.

JACKAL.

BOMBAY 6TH EXTRA MEETING.

Saturday, January 18.

Entry closed at 6 p.m. on Monday 13 January :—

The Sandown Plate—Distance 7 furlongs.

H H Aga Khan and Aga S Shah's b aus g Admiral Crichton
Aga S Shah's ch e h Forfeit
Mr J L Tulloch's b aus g Downfall by Impetus—Misfortune (6 years)
Mr W Hutchins' br aus g Baritone
Mr S A Wahed's br e h Sir Galahad
Mr Kelso's b aus g Harpist
Mr John Morris' br aus h Oakton
Mr Dawson's ch e g Rosewater
Messrs M Goculdas and A Nanjee's br aus m Lady Metal

The Charui Road Plate—Distance 9 furlongs.

Mr Toolsidass Tejpal's g a h Antica 13 3 1-2
Mr Toolsidass Tejpal's b a h Scarlet
Mr G K's b a h Bendigo
Mr Ali Bin Talib's g a h Eed 14 0
Mr Ali Bin Talib's g a h Sheila
Mr Ali Bin Talib's g a h Gwalior
Mr Mujeed Jurjee's b a h Recruit
Mr Mahomed Hajee Ebrahim's g a h Swordsman
Mr S A Wahed's g a h Skylark 14 0
Aga Mirza Ahmed and S A Wahed's ch a h Krushan
Mr R R S' g a h Precious
Mr R R S' b a h Egypt
Mr A M Ameer's b a h Wait-a-while
Mr D Ranchordass' g a h Spearmint

The Adelaide Plate—Distance 7 furlongs

Mr R R S' bl aus g Comeback 14 2
Mr R R S' ch aus m Lady Nannie 14 1
Mr Kelso's b aus m Rusaley Rose 14 1
Mr Kelso's ch aus g Encourage 14 1 1-4

Race declared void.

The Nursery Plate—Distance 6 furlongs.

Aga Farrukh Shah's g a h Rising Falcon 13 3 3-4 (4 years)
Mr Abdoola Mahomed Said's g a h Sher (5 years)
Mr Hajee Aboo's g a h Naief 13 3 1-4 (3 years)
Mr Zumil Jeejeeboy's ch a h Balmoral (4 years)
Mr Abdul Mohsen Mana's ch a h His Highness (4 years)
Mr Ebrahim Mana's b a h Dardanelles 13 3 3-4 (4 years)
Mr Ebrahim Mana's ch a h Arcadia 13 3 1-2 (4 years)
Mr Syed Aga Mir's g a h Fattahalkher 14 (4 years)
Mr Jassim Abdool Karim's ch a h Steamer
Mr Mobson Abdool Aziz's g a h Ajeel (3 years)
Mr Jassim Ben Mahomed's g a h Safoog 14 (4 years)
Mr Ali Ben Talib's g a h Young Soocab (6 years)
Mr Ali Ben Talib's g a h Riza (6 years)
Mr Ali Ben Talib's g a h Barsed (4 years)
Mr Ali Ben Talib's b a h Lookman 14 (6 years)
Messrs A A Mckenzie and S A Wahed's ch a h Wild Poppoy (3 years)
Mr L K Kapadia's ch a h Russam (4 years)
Mr Saleh Awads' g a h Najmi 13 3 1-2 (4 years)
Mr A'S Oomer's ch a h Khandalla (3 years)
Mr Syed Aga Sheraze's b a h Cam Lever (6 years)
Mr Essa Mulla Sulleman's' g a h Winter (6 years)
Mr Essa Mulla Sulleman's b a h Little Gafil 13 3 3-4 (6 yr)
Mr George's ch a h Esor 13 3 1-2 (4 years)
Mr Abdoola Tameme's g a h Great Power 13 3 3-4 (5 yr)
Mr Abdoola Tameme's b a h America 14 0 (6 years)
Mr R R S' ch a h Devon 13 3 3-4 (4 years)
Mr A M Ameer's ch a h Vendetta (4 years)
Mr A M Ameer's b a h Turkish Flag 111 32 31-4 (4 years)
Mr Abdul Wahab Hatam's b a h Transfer 14 (3 years)
Mr A M Jewser's ch a h Jassa 13 3 3-4 (5 years)
Mr A Razak A Rahman's ch a h Young Arab Lord 13 3½ (4 years)
Mr A K Dakayel's g a h Bassim 14 (4 years)
Messrs M Goculdass, A Nanjee and A Mana's, b a h Maimoon 13 3-4 (5 years)
Messrs M Goculdass and A Nanjee's, b a h Respectable (4 years)
Mr Pett's ch a h Fritz 13 3 3-4 (4 years)

If necessary after declaration of forfeit at 6 p m on Thursday 16 inst the entries will be divided and two or more races given.

The Little Strangers' Plate—distance 5 furlongs

Messrs W Hutchins and Essa Mulla Sulleman's ch a h Astoria 13 2 3-4
Aga S Shah's g a h Hooded Falcon late Mabhoot 13 1½
Mr Ebrahim Kadam's b a h Mafood 13 2 3-4
Mr Yus Khadayes's g a h Pootas 13 2 1-4
Mr Wallace's g a h Sir Askar 13 2
Mr Wallace's b a h Mountain King 13 1 3-4
Mr Abdoola Mana's ch a h Zenzo 13 2
Mr H Mujeed and Y Sheriff's g a h Fay 13 2½
Mr Mahomed Shelasa's g a h Mijlad 13 1 1-4
Mr Sulleman Mahalla's ch a h Uganda 13 3
Mr Sulleman Mahalla's ch a h Holker 13 3
Mr Abdool Gany's b a h Mirhaha 13 3
Mr Sayeed Mahomed's g a h Rome Alf 13 3
Mr Toolsidas Tejpal's b a h Virtuous Boy 13 2 1-4
Mr G K's ch a h Disfigure 13 2
Mr G K's b a h Presto 13 2 1-4
Mr Mahomed Mohsen Shatrave's b a h Burrak 13 3
Mr Darvish Shaikly's b a h Westminster 13 3
Mr Hajee Mahomed Ally's ch a h Thamir 13 3
Mr Ali Bin Talib's g a h Lassa 13 3
Mr Ali Bin Talib's ch a h Ringleader 13 2 2-4
Mr Ali Bin Talib's ch a h Special 13 2 3-4
Mr Kadavi Abdul Rehman's ch a h British Flag 13 2 1-4
Mr A Razak's ch a h Shirvin 13 3
Mr Syed Aga Mir's ch a h Aden 13 2 1-2
Mr Ahmed Doo's ch a h Orby 13 2
Aga Mirja's g a h Good Time 13 2 1-2
Mr A S Oomer's b a h Verify 13 2 1-2
Mr A S Oomer's g a h Golden Crown 1-32 1-2
R K Sirdar Singh and A S Oomer's g a h Rajah Bahadur 13 3
Mr Fayed bin Sulleman's g a h Mujnoon 13 1
Mr Essa Mulla Sulleman's ch a h Hariff 13 3
Mr Zaded bin Mahomed's g a h Good Chance 13 2 3-4
Mr Zaded bin Mahomed's b a h Gatling 13 1
Mr G R Mullan's b a h Sir Geo ge 13 2 1 2
Mr A A Shamlan's b a h Viceroy 13 2 3-4
Mr A A Shamlan's g a h Arab Prince 13 3
Mr A A Harravee's g a h Print Craft 13 2 1-4

The Little Nursery Plate Continued.

Mr Arton A Essayie's b a h Monster 13 3
Mr Alex A Essayie's ch a h Porter 13 2
Mr R R S' g a h Disguise 13 2 1-2
Mr R R S' ch a h Trouble 13 2
Mr A M Ameer's ch a h Sarabund 13 2 3-4
Mr Hamid Hazamy's ch a h Rogers 13 2
Mr Nasser Hazemy's g a h Chasit 13 2 1-4
Messrs M Goculdass and A Nanjee's b a h Kanul 13 2 3-4
Mr Khalil Dorso's ch a h Amood 13 3
Mr Hajee Ally Shabag's g a h Shanwar 13 3
Mr A K Readymoney's b a h Mudlool 13 2 1-2
Mr D Ranchordass' g a h Ashroff 14
Mr A M Burhari's b a h Wadi 14
Messrs M Goculdass and J C Galstaun's b a h Sir Jamal 13 1 3-4
Messrs M Goculdass and A Nanjee's b a h Hazza 13 3 1-4

CECIL GRAY.
Secretary, W. J. T. C.

Bombay, 13th January, 1908.

CALCUTTA RACES.

Horses Left in for To-day.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, JANUARY 13.

The following are the horses left in for to-morrow's races :—

THE CLYDE PLATE.—6 furlongs—2-45 p.m.

Lady Grey 2st 10lbs, Mandville 8st 11lbs, Stockbridge 8st 11b, Belligerent 6st 7lbs, Wakeful 9st 6lbs, Matalgia 8st 10lbs, Recovery 7st, Wild Boy 9st 11b, Dupleix 8st 7lbs, and Rosette 6st 13lbs.

THE HOWRAH PLATE.—6 furlongs—3-15 p.m.

Frendown 9st 10lbs, Rustile 8st 5lbs, Bundah 7st 5lbs, Dulciner 9st, Lipscombe 8st, Palindrome 7st 5lbs, Haloya 8st 7lbs. Mother Goose 7st 11lbs, and Flotaam 7st 11b.

THE SEALDAH PLATE.—1 mile—3-45 p.m.

Bon Bon 9st 13lbs, Handelian 8st 10lb, Sugar Apple 8st 4lbs, Crul 7st 8lbs. Mercedes 9st 5lbs, St. Victor 8st 7lbs, Jackeroo 8st 8lbs, Trencherman 7st 6lbs, Peveril 8st 12lbs, Carnival 8st 5lbs, Windy 7st 13lbs, Loyal 7st, Santa Maria 8st 11lbs, Automatic 8st 4lbs, Magician 7st 13lbs, and Kingpin 7st 6lbs.

PRINCE OF WALES PLATE.—1 miles 4-15 p.m.

Golden Gleam 9st 11lbs, Lovania 8st 10lbs, Botha 8st, Jolly Jobot 6st, Misty Morn 9st, Wandin 8st 8lbs, Lady Avon 7st 7lbs, Blitzen 6st, Annamulloch 9st, Volume 8st 4lbs, Prince Lyon 7st 5lbs, Kaffirpan 8st 12lbs, Paddy's Darling 8st 8lbs and Cinder Bill 7st 3lbs.

ST. GEORGE'S PLATE.—5 furlongs—4-45 p.m.

Bundah 9st 13lbs, Sir Uric 8st 11lbs, Tycannah 8st 3lbs, Jackeroo 7st 10lbs, The Loch 8st 10lbs, Devil's Limit 8st 11lbs, Windy 8st 8lb, Trustee 7st 8lbs, Courselmas 9st, dlps 8s. Victor 8st 11lbs, Mi Michael 7st 12lbs, Miss Trenton 5st 6lbs, Elfin 9st 4lbs, Andros 8st 9lbs, Musette 7st 12lbs, Kindat King 6st 5lbs, Handelian 9st Winsome 8st 9lbs, Morsel 7st 10lbs, Lass 6st 8lbs, Mereworth 9st Abet 8st, 8lbs, and Lady Teazle 7st. 10lbs.

THE PRINSEP PLATE—1 mile—5-15 p. m.

Beaunero 10st 7lbs, Footprint 8st 6lbs, The Cingalee 8st, Jack Sheppard 7st, Honest Lady 9st 5lbs, Metal Boy 8st 3lbs, Pendred 7st 12lbs, Pelargonium 36st, Ferndown 9st, Our State 8st 2lbs, Mallinyook 7st, 6lbs, Killeevan 8st 8lbs, Psalm 8st 2lbs, and Lipscombe 7st, 4lbs.

CRICKET AT SECUNDERABAD.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SECUNDERABAD, JANUARY 11.

The final game in the Cricket Tournament, which has been occupying the attention of the cricket teams in Garrison for some time, has just concluded, after two days' play, before large crowds of spectators, between a team of the 2nd Royal Fusiliers and a team of the Royal Artillery. The Tournament is an annual one and the prize a handsome cricketing teams is very keen to become the possessors of it. The Royal Fusiliers carried off the Cup last year, and in the present Tournament they have repeated the manœuvre, so that having won the Cup for two consecutive years it becomes their sole property. The two days' play in the final was of a very one-sided character, the Artillerymen scarcely having a look-in, the Fusiliers coming out winners by 230 runs. Scores :—

ROYAL FUSILIERS.

1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
Capt W P Hill, c Stokes, b Giles	28	st Baines, b Burgess	9
Lieut A N Poore, c Oley, b Burgess	19	c Stokes, b Stopford	24
Capt M O Clarke, c Stokes, b Giles	4	b Stopford	1
Capt E B Frederick, b Giles	2	b Giles	0
Lieut T G Cope, c Stokes b Stopford	27	b Giles	42
Sergt Franklin, b Giles	0	c Milford, b Stopford	0
Lieut A C Hudson, b Giles	54	Did not bat	0
Corpl Casey, not out		c Milford, b Stopford	34
Lieut C E Harding, c Anderson, b Giles	3	c Baines, b Stevens	89
Capt G S Gibson, b Giles	0	Not out	4
Lieut P A Tillard, b Stopford	1	c Baines, b Stevens	0
Extras	26	Extras	25
Total	164	Total	221

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

1st Innings.	R.	W.	O.	M.	2nd Innings.	R.	W.	O.	M.
Trumptr Giles	48	7	14	1		60	2	13	4
Qr-Mr Sect Burgess	59	1	10	1		31	1	3	1
Lieut Anderson	16	0	3	1		23	0	4	1
Lieut Stevens	16	0	3	1		0	2	1	
Capt Stopford	9	2	4	1		63	4	13	2
Lieut Milford	0	0	0	0		16	0	2	0

ROYAL ARTILLERY.

1st Innings.		2nd Innings.	
Capt H P Stopford, c Pope, b Clarke	41	c Pope, b Frederick	1
Trumptr Giles, c Pope, b Clarke	7	c Franklin, b Clarke	5
Lieut C Milford, c Pope, b Clarke	2	c Clarke, b Frederick	5
Br Reynolds, c and b Frederick	5	c Tillard, b Frederick	2
Lieut S Anderson, c and b Clarke	12	c Pope, b Frederick	2
Col Stokes, st Pope, b Frederick	18	b Frederick	8
Qr-Mr Sergt Burgess, c Tillard, b Casey	1	c Clarke, b Frederick	6
Lieut A C Stevens, st Pope, b Frederick	8	c Hill, b Clarke	6
Lce-Corpl Pearson, c Hudson b Frederick	1	b Clarke	0
Corpl Cley, not out	0	b Clarke	0
Br Baines, did not bat	0	Did not bat	0
Extras	18	Extras	10
Total	113	Total	41

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

1st Innings.	R.	W.	O.	M.	2nd Innings.	R.	W.	O.	M.
Capt M O Clarke	44	4	17	3		13	4	11	3
Capt E B Frederick	31	4	12	3		21	6	11	3
Capt W P Hill	13	0	3	0		0	0	0	0
Corpl Casey	7	1	2	0		0	0	0	0

BOMBAY IMPROVEMENT TRUST.

The following are Excerpts from the Proceedings of a Special Meeting of the Trustees for the Improvement of the City of Bombay, held on the 17th December.

Considered, with reference to Trustees' Resolution dated 29th October, the following letter from the Engineer, dated the 13th December regarding the sale of plots in Kumbharwada between Falkland Road and Duncan Road in Scheme No. III :—

With reference to Trustees' Resolution, dated 29th October I have the honor to inform you that the lease of plots Nos. 2, 3, 8, 9 and 10 were put up to public auction by Messrs. Bennett & Co., Auctioneers, on the 11th instant.

The following plots were leased :—Nos. 2, 9, and 10.

The plots leased realized an average rate of Rs. 77·93 per square yard.

The accompanying statement shows the rate per square yard realized for each plot at the sale and interest at 4½ per cent. on the capital value of the plot per annum :—

Scheme No 111 Estate

No of plot	Total area	Rate per sq yd realized	Capital value of plot	4½ per cent interest on capital value
	Sq yds	Rs a p	Rs a p	Rs
2	1,397	78 0 0	1,41,966 0 0	6,658·47
9	832	60 0 0	83,920 0 0	3,881·40
10	1,417	89 0 0	1,26 113 0 0	5,679·68
Total..	4,196	...	3,16,999 0 0	14,719·95

Average rate per square yard Rs. 77·93.

Read also the following letter, dated 13th December from Messrs. Bennett and Co., Auctioneers :—

We have the honor to enclose herein cheque for Rs 7,000 and 7 Government Promissory Notes of Rs. 500 each, being deposit received by us from the purchasers of the following plots :—

Plot No	Per sq yd Rs	Purchasers
2	78	Kanjee Curroondas
9	60	Ali Mahomed Ossaem & Co
10	89	Sittaram Jayanarayen

We also send per bearer 3 stamped agreemen's and 3 forms of building lease signed by the purchaser and trust you will find them in order.

Government Promissory Notes of Rs 500 each are given by Mr. Kanjee Cursondass.

Plot No. 2 is sold subject to confirmation by the Board. The reply to be given on or before Wednesday, the 18th instant.

Kindly acknowledge receipt.

Resolution.—To be recorded.

Sanction is accorded to the sale of plots 2 and 2 A as one plot to Mr. Kanjee Cursondass.

Read the following letter from Mr. R J. Tata, dated the 12th December :—I have the honour to hereby apply for a building lease of plot No. 77 of the Esplanade Estate for a term of 99 years at a uniform rent, equivalent to 4 per cent. per annum on the amount of the value of the building land (viz., 1,512 square yards) calculated at Rs. 90 per square yard.

Resolution —The application is accepted on the conditions applicable to plot No. 78 and subject to Mr. Tata executing the agreement attached to those conditions, with the necessary modifications.

Considered application from Mr Mahomedally Adamjee Peerbhoy for the building lease of plot No. 59 on the West Agripada Estate.

Resolution—The application is accepted, subject to any out-houses required being constructed with ground floor only.

Submitted the following letter from the Engineer dated 12th October :

Central Store and Pay Shed.

With reference to Trustees' Resolution, dated 23rd July sanctioning plans and estimates of the above, I have the honour to inform you that as no tenders were received in response to our advertisement, and as the matter was urgent, I have arranged with Messrs. Marsland, Price & Co. to execute the work above ground level for a lump sum of Rs. 10,500.

The foundation have been constructed departmentally. As the matter was urgent, I have anticipated sanction and the work is in hand, and I shall be obliged if you will accord your approval.

Read the following memo. from the Engineer, dated 7th December. Returned with compliments.

Revised Estimate, amounting to Rs. 12,783, herewith.

The excess over the estimate santioned in Trustees' Resolution, of 23rd July, is Rs. 2,208. This is solely due to the rise in rates of materials and labour.

Quantity	Items	Rate	Per	Amount
	Central Store and Pay Shed Revised Estimate.	Rs a p		Rs
2,400 c ft.	Cleaning site and carting away surplus	4 0 0	...	80 00
4,000 " "	Excavation foundations.	4 0 0	.....	154·00
1,584 " "	Concrete to foundations.	20 0 0	.....	306·80
2,200 " "	Rubble masonry in founds	25 0 0	....	550·00
.....	Messrs Marsland Price & Co's tender for Superstructure complete	Lump	....	10,500·00
				11,590·80
	Contingencies 10 per cent			1,192·8
				12,783·68

Resolution.—Sanctioned. The revised estimate, amounting to Rs. 12,783, is also sanctioned.

THERE have come by chance into the hands of M. Salomon Reinach, Membre de l'Institut, memoirs of an English Officer who served in India, retired, and was at Brussels during the Waterloo campaign, and was afterwards in Paris during the occupation. He was a Whig, the close friend of many Byronic French half-pay officers of the opposition to the Restoration, Castlereagh, and the Holy Alliance, and his story, says the "Athenæum," is well worth publication as a whole.

MAHOMEDAN EDUCATIONAL PROGRESS.

Meeting at Ankleshwar.

On Sunday a meeting was held at Ankleshwar, Broach District, at the Hall of Mir Nanumia Saheb Jaghirdar. A number of Raisis and gentlemen attended, including Nawabzada Nasrullah Khan, the General Secretary of the Bombay Presidency Mohomedan Educational Conference. On the proposal of Nawabzada Nasrullah Khan, seconded by Syed Gulam Hussain Inamdar, Divisional Secretary, Nawab Mir Sadrudin Hussain Khan was voted to the Chair. The Chairman spoke on the benefits of education and introduced Mr. Sallehjee Ismaljee Patel to the meeting and said that Mr. Sallehjee has taken a vow to collect a fund to establish a boarding house for Mahomedan students. He has been successful in collecting a sum enough to give him a good annual income. The President hoped that all there who were present will help him in the matter. The President thanked Nawabzada Nasrullah Khan for attending the meeting in spite of his being in indifferent health. Syed Gulam Hussain Inamdar brought to the notice of the audience that Mr. Sallehji is a person whose efforts should be encouraged, and suggested that the boarding house in Ankleshwar should be established, as a number of facilities would be afforded and the help of many influential men secured here, with greater ease.

A Committee was formed to help the fund.

Nawabzada Nasrullah Khan who was received most enthusiastically, said :—Mr. Chairman, Raisis and Gentlemen,—I thank you and the Committee sincerely for having invited me to attend this meeting convened to discuss educational matters. Inspite of the indifferent health that I have been keeping I deem it my solemn duty to attend this gathering. (Cheers). I am overjoyed to see that Mr. Salehjee Ismaljee Patel has put forth his best efforts to help the cause of our National education with such disinterestedness and sincere devotion to duty. His career sets forth a remarkable example of self sacrifice, energy and true patriotism. He has collected a sum of rupees for educational purposes. Being a self-made man at his age another person of his circumstances would have enjoyed the fruits of his labour, taking life easy. But this gentleman inspired by feelings of patriotism and sympathy for his co-religionists preferred making himself useful to leading a life of ease and comfort on his well earned riches. The collection by him made with such zeal speaks volumes for his energy and we sincerely hope that many men will come forward to subscribe liberally to help such a cause. I shall take the first opportunity to bring the matter before the Conference Central Committee and request the members to subscribe a suitable sum for the education of Mahomedans. I am proud to see that the members and office bearers of the Conference Committee in this part of the district have assembled to-day and are most eager to give all possible help to Mr. Salehjee Ismaljee Patel and thus encourage him to carry out his most cherished object. Gentlemen, on this occasion I wish to explain one matter. It is in respect to the Rupee Scheme The Hon'ble Mr. Giles, Director General of Public Instruction speaking at the All-India Conference at Karachi, said that he did not know aught about the Rupee Scheme undertaken by me and that he did not know how many scholarships were awards. I have addressed a letter to the learned Director General and in that I have explained to him that a sum of Rs. 12,000 has been collected on account of this Rupee Scheme and that a sum of Rs. 9,394 on that account have not been sent us although the subscribers keep on promising to send their contributions. Other amounts are subscribed to the Conference fund, as per the account published; that a very large amount of money has been given towards the Islamic School at Poona, in consequence of which a large number of scholarships could not be given, although some have been given as per the report published by me and the account audited by Messrs MacAfee and Kersondas. I further explained to him that the Rupee Scheme requires an efficient staff of good men to work up, and my personal attendence together with other gentlemen who can for a period devote their time and mind only to the working of the scheme is absolutely necessary; that at present I am prevented from doing so owing to my private affairs, but that the time is not far distant when through the grace of God I shall again be able to resume my work (Cheers). The late lamented Nawab Mohsin-Ul-Mulk had discussed the matter with me on many an occasion. Esteemed and distinguished persons like Sir Charles Olivant and Sir Edmund Fulton our former Vice-Patrons whose interest in the welfare of the Mahomedans was second to none in India, fully know my views on the subject. Our present Vice-Patron the Hon'ble Sir Steyning Edgerly who takes a deep interest in the welfare of our community will I am sure be pleased to hear of the good work done in this district in respect to promoting the cause of our national education. It will also please the learned Director General of Public Instruction and the Hon'ble Mr. Selby who sympathise with our efforts made to advance our education. H. H. The Nawab of Sachin would have been pleased to attend this meeting had he not been prevented from doing so owing to pressure of State work.

The Nawabzada requested that a special Committee should be formed to enable Mr. Salehjee Ismaljee Patel to carry on his work.

POISONED SORES CURED BY ZAMBUK.

A WHOLE FAMILY CURED.

DISCHARGED THICK YELLOWISH MATTER.

Quite a number of cases in which whole families have obtained benefit from Zam-Buk have recently been brought under our notice. Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Passant, of 61, Riches Street, Wolverhampton, relate the following interesting facts of how this ideal healing balm met their needs. Mr. Passant says :—

"It was really on account of my son Sydney (13) that we first tried Zam-Buk. He had a poisoned wound in one of his feet, the result of chilblains. We had tried all sorts of remedies without effect, and Zam-Buk was applied with the most beneficial results.

"My two other sons—Walter (15) and Arthur (17) and I, had nasty breakings out on our arms, and backs of our hands which we could not understand, having regard to our healthy outdoor occupation in the garden. I thought it was eczema as the sores sometimes discharged thick yellowish matter. In spite of poultices, hot fomentations and ointments the eruptions refused to yield for two or three months. Then we resorted to Zam-Buk. Almost immediately the pain and itching ceased, and in a comparatively short time, a permanent cure was effected. Since we were cured by Zam-Buk there has been no sign of the disease returning.

Mrs. Passant said :—"I scalded one of my arms and Zam-Buk quickly soothed and healed the wound. My three-year-old baby Gertrude, whose chin and face became a rough mass of inflamed scales owing to the scratch of a cat, is quite better now, and it is all owing to applications of Zam-Buk."

Zam-Buk is essentially a pure herbal balm and contains no "animal" fats or mineral irritants. It is invaluable for burns, cuts, bruises, eczema, itch, Delhi sores, ringworm, scalp, sores, prickly heat, sunburn, bad legs, ulcers, abscesses, piles, boils, pimples, rashes, poisoned and festering wounds, insect stings and bites, rheumatism, neuralgia, and all other diseased, injured, or irritated conditions of the skin and tissues. Price Rs. 1 per pot or Rs. 2-4 for large family size of all chemists and medicine vendor or for Rs. 1-2 or Rs. 2-8, post free from the Zam-Buk Co., 9, Dalhousie Square, Calcutta.

FREE SAMPLE POT.

To obtain a dainty free sample pot of Zam-Buk, send one anna stamp (for postage) to the Zam-Buk Co., 9, Dalhousie Square, Calcutta.

Write address clearly.

"Bombay Gazette," 14th January 1908.

Zam-Buk RUB IT IN

THE ADAMS-WYLIE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL.

The following is the list of subscribers to this hospital during the year 1907 :—

H. E. Lord Lamington, G C M G, G C I E, from the funds placed at his disposal for charity by Sir Jehanghir Cowasjee Jehangir, Kt, Rs 5,0 0 ; Mr. Jamsetjee Ardaseer Wadia, Rs 200 ; Mr Septimus E Greaves Rs 180 ; Captain Hodgson, R A M C and G R L, each Rs 150 ; Messrs Greaves Cotton & Co, Mr Lalubhai Samaldas and Mrs Kersarbhai Khanji, each Rs 100 ; Dadabhoy M Wadia Charity Fund for purchases of Dhoties, Rs 80 ; Mr Horgibhoy Manockjee Sethna and Mr Horgibhoy Manockjee Sethna (2nd donation) each Rs 75 ; Messrs A Blaschek & Co, Messrs Sanday & Co, D N G, Westminster Glee Singers, through Messrs Seymore Dove & Co, Anonymous, through Dr Purmanandas and Mrs M I Khareghat, each Rs 50 ; Municipal Officers and Health Department Bombay Municipality, Rs 32 ; Messrs Freir De Stone & Co, the Hon'ble Mr H E E Procter, Lincouns, Messrs Whiteaway Laidlaw & Co, Messrs N Powell & Co, Messrs Breul & Co, E B B, Mr D J Tata, Standard Oil Co, of New York, "Lodge Caledonia," Mrs Rajoi Pavri, Mrs C H M Mehta and Fourth Presidency Magistrate, each Rs 25 ; Mr J C G Bower, Mr A A Vlasto, Mr N W Kemp. Bar-at-law, Mr Leslie Crawford, "Lodge Islam," A Hindoo and Member Bombonshah, each Rs 20 ; O G O,, Mr H R Dunk, Mr W Richardson, Mr H O Qasri, I C S, the Hon'ble Mr Justice E M Prats, I C S, Mr Ernest Aug Goll, A H S A, B H B, the Hon'ble Mr W J Morison I C S, W L C, F A R, Mr Richard A Lamb, C I E, I C S, Dr A J Mehta, From a Parsi Lady from Calcutta, A Poor's Man gift, Mr Rustomjee F Damania, An offender, through B B & C I Ry, Mr Rustomjee F Damania (2nd donation) and A B C, each Rs 15 ; Mr Shapojee A Setna, and Mr Pestonjee M Pastakri each Rs 12 ; Mr R Gilbert, Messrs M M Bottlewalla and Co., Mr H Macnaughten, H G, Mr P Glynn Messent, Mr B H Howett, Sir J Cowasjee Jehangir, Kt. In memory of Bai Cursetbai Sapoorjee Jowajee, Mrs M S Jamsetjee, Mr Osborne Marshall, S J G, Mr M S A Kirkbride, C P S, R W H., Mr G W Hatch, I C S, Mr W M Bell, Mr S M Mossa, Messrs Cowasjee Dinshaw and Bros, R B, Mr Dharamsey, M Gouldas, Mr J D Inverarity, Bart-at-Law, Rao Bahadur Currumjee Damjee, Mr J W Hepworth, R W L D, the Hon'ble Mr G O W Dunn, Mr G F Horbury, Mr H S Chotia, Mr Pestonje

BY THE WAY.

THE WEAK LINK.

The explosions which have recently staggered America have occurred in what are called "model" mines. Before that description be accepted we ought to know if all the precautions proper to a model mine were observed. Explosions do not ordinarily occur where safety-lamps are employed, and we ought to know if this form of illuminant was in use in the pits where these disasters have happened. The miner becomes so accustomed to dangers that he forgets the precautions necessary for his safety. Not a week passes in the Midland coalfields without men or youths appearing at the police courts to be fined for smoking in mines. These men to gratify the whim of a moment, deliberately endanger the lives of five hundred of their fellows, and think the law a monster of injustice which imposes a fine of ten shilling for their offence. In the American mines foreigners predominate—foreigners of the most ignorant type, for whom written regulations have no meaning. It is quite possible that an open lamp in the hands of one of these has caused the mischief.

NO MONEY IN IT.

The seismologists may be right in imputing that this cycle of disasters is the result of unwonted earth disturbances. The same cause may have been responsible for the calamities of the past. That is speculation. We do know that the dread sire of a man to smoke, causing him to open his lamp and that the manifold dangers arising from coal-dust have been responsible in the past without the assistance of nature's kindling torch. It is not quite creditable to science that, after all these years, no certain method of dealing with the dangers of coal-dust in mines has been evolved. For years learned bodies have discussed the problem, and the general public has constantly expected that the grand discovery was at hand, but we seem as far off as ever from the truth. When we see what wonders and miracles are performed by a Perkin with the refuse of the coal it seems wonderful that the race cannot produce a Perkin for life-saving in the mine. If fortunes were to be made from the safe treatment of coal-dust, as they are from aniline dyes, perhaps the man might be forthcoming.

THE DEMON.

The strange story told by a defaulting debtor last week of his being recognised after he had been for six years trying to live down the past is not so strange a story as one which came within the ken of Professor Jowett. A good man went wrong, was caught, and sentenced at Liverpool to imprisonment. After the sinner had served his term; Jowett and others helped him, and he obtained a Colonial editorship where his past was unknown. He did well; was a new man. One day a tornado swept off the roof of his office. Under the roof was discovered a batch of old English papers which had been placed there and forgotten after the mail had brought them. He set members of his staff to work to get out of the derelicts anything which might be interesting enough to print. The first thing that they found was a full report of the trial and conviction of the man himself, their editor, at Liverpool, all those years before.

PELTING THE NIGHTINGALE.

It will be urged that there cannot be much poetry in the soul of a man who asks the Home Secretary to include the ringing of Church bells in the category of public nuisances. The present writer, however, in whom the sound of bells has from his earliest recollection induced an inexplicable melancholy, finds himself in sympathy with the appeal which is being made. To other people these appellants may seem as curious freaks as the Cockney valet, who, after his first night in the country, complained to his master that he had been kept awake all night by "the owling of the nightingae." There is no other music in all the world so beautiful as the song of the nightingale, but if one comes within a hundred yards of your bedroom you will not sleep. Let the experience of Henry Fawcett, a real nature-lover, despite his blindness, serve for confirmation. He confessed that he had been tried beyond endurance by the song of this bird close to his bedroom window, and that he had been compelled at last to get up and endeavour to drive away the brawler by pelting it with the only missile available—a piece of soap.

EARLY RECORDS OF JAPAN—

Will Adams, the first Englishman to visit Japan, for the restoration of whose grave an appeal is being made, was known in the Japanese tongue as Augia Samma," or pilot. The years he spent in Japan, 1600 to 1620, form the most pleasing part of the first period of contact of the Japanese with Western civilisation. Adams formed a high opinion of Japanese civilisation: "The people of this Island of Japan are good of nature, courteous above measure, an valiant in warre. Their justice is severely executed, without any partialitie, upon transgressors of the law. They are governed in great civilitie. I meane not a land better governed in the world by civil policie." Their civilisation was not ours, however. Adams's companion, Captain Saris, gives a gruesome account of the severity of justice in the land. Three persons were executed by decapitisation, on which "every man that listed (as very many did) came to trie the sharpnesse of their cattans or swords upon the bodies, so that before they left off they had hewne them all three into pieces as small as a man's hand." To strangers they were courteous and generous. During Adams's life there a Spanish Governor of the Philippines was shipwrecked. Though he was destitute, the claim of rank was admitted, and after being honourably treated he was returned to his province in one of the ships which Adams had built.

AND CAB FARES.

The one occasion on which Adams and Saris found Japanese courtesy fail was when they were travelling to the Emperor's Court. Curiously enough some of the people mistook them for Koreans, who were bitterly hated after the wars between Korea and Japan. The travellers were in some cases pelted with stones, but as a rule they had only to submit to insulting shouts of Koreans with false beards." Of the road itself on this journey Saris notes: "It is divided into leagues, and at every league's end are two small hills, viz. on either side of the way one, and upon every one of them a faire pine tree, trimmed round in the way of an arbor. These markes are placed upon the way to the end that the hackney men, and those which let out horses for hire, should not make men pay more than their due, which is about threepence a league. The taximeter question seems to have been settled early in Japan. Adams's will, in Japanese, is preserved among the West India Company's records. He left about £500, half to his English wife and half to his Japanese wife and child.

CHEAP THEATRES IN RUSSIA.

The news that such plays as Mr. Bernard Shaw's "Mrs. Warren's Profession"—which is, of course banned by the Censor here—are being produced in Russia is evidence of the growing Russian interest in English things. It also serves to emphasise what is little known here—the widespread love of the drama in Russia. This may be largely due to the system of People's Theatres, which is unequalled in any other country. Cheap theatres for the people are to be found all over Russia, not only in the towns but in small villages. In the government of Samara, for instance, there is a village theatre in which operas are produced, with a village orchestra and a chorus of thirty trained peasants. The charge for admission is one farthing.

TWENTY YEARS' PROGRESS.

The system of cheap theatres has grown up in Russia within the last twenty years or so, the first impulse coming from Tomsk in Siberia. The majority of these theatres spring from the co-operative societies and the local governing bodies. The Temperance Boards established in 1894 to provide counter-attractions to the public-house have also built People's Theatres. The theatres are often built on land given by the municipality, and they are sometimes subsidised, but often self-supporting. Many of them are surrounded by parks, and have an open stage for use in the great heat of the Russian summer. The Factory Theatre, founded by wealthy merchants for the use of their workpeople, is said to be an institution peculiar to Russia. In St. Petersburg there are several huge and elaborate People's Theatres. One great People's Palace of Nicolas, opened in 1900, contains besides the theatre, libraries, lecture halls, &c., to all of which an entrance fee of 2 1/2d. admits. In 1901 40 plays and 10 operas were performed there.

THE LADIES' CORNER.

COLOUR ALLIANCES.

Everything in the world of dress depends primarily nowadays on two points, viz., the colour scheme and the embroidery, and it is more than difficult to say which of the two is the more important. Hardly a gown is "one-coloured and the obvious alliances, such as grey and mauve, green and purple, crimson and purple, mol and blue, as well as the whole gamut of recently conceived colour schemes, which have been received with only half-hearted appreciation by most women, are all becoming rather hackneyed, from the point of view of those who aspire to a certain amount of originality. Two "invent" a new alliance is as great an achievement nowadays as was the invention of a new "plat" to tempt the appetite of the Spanish epicure Charles V., in the days of old, when the resources of his chef were taxed to breaking point, and there is probably no lack of anxious dress artists who dream of startling developments of colour which assume all the crudity of impossibilities in their waking hours.

BLACK CHANTILLY NET AND GOLD SATIN.

Success is, however, by no means generally desired, and a leading conturier in the rue de la Paix has just accomplished one of the most subtle, refined, and, withal, the most artistic confections in the matter of gowns that has been conceived this year. This consists of a plain underdress of Liberty satin in a wonderful tone of golden taupe, or greyish beige—like a changing cloud—soft, indefinite, and charming. At the back it is supplemented with a decided train, while above the plain three-inch hem which adorns the bottom of the skirt there runs a double line of fine gold-coloured soutache, the two rows being placed close together and surmounted by a chain of roses, likewise worked out in the soutache, each blossom being about two and a-half inches in diameter. Over this plain, sleeveless underdress falls a long tunic of fine black Chantilly net, showered with tiny ring spots, which is drawn full into the waist and slashed up both back and front. The tunic boasts a close edging of the golden soutache in he form of a straight line, surmounted with roses running from the shoulder to the hem both back and front, as well as all round, while soft gleams of the beautiful underdress are seen fitfully through the meshes of the net. For an entirely one-coloured toilette, which is one of the notable exceptions which prove the rule, a daring model in a rich vivid tone of bright sauterelle green has been evolved by another well known house. The material chosen is a fine silky tulle illusion mounted over a "doublure" of soft silk to match, the skirt being treated with light motifs here and there of self-coloured bugles a thick border of the same running round the hem. The corsage, which is cut in rounded form, is entirely composed of the untrimmed net, outlining the neck, and forming a soft drapery round the shoulders and bust, while the short, scanty sleeves simply consist of a transparent drapery with little or no fulness. Given a dazzling complexion, a skin of alabaster whiteness, and last, but not least, a large ballroom in which the dress is only an item in a kaleidoscopic scheme of shifting colour, this striking toilette could be worn with a good deal of distinction in spite of the "voyant" shade.

EVENING WRAP TO SIMULATE A SPANISH CLOAK.

Absolute simpicity gave the cachet to a handsome evening cloak seen at a smart premiere last week, which was very typical of the styles of the moment. This was a long, wide garment of pure white cloth, cut like the Spanish gentleman's cloak, voluminous round the hem and draping the figure in straight, ample folds. This cloak was worn over a very beautiful toilette of reseda green crepe de chine, with a corsage fashioned almost entirely of gold filet lace, and was quite untrimmed, the lining consisting of reseda soft satin, while three pairs of huge gold buttons provided the finish. Other cloaks which are equally worthy of note are those carried out in ivory velvet, in a slightly mellowed tint, which are made on the same severely plain lines, and are punctuated down the front with huge fur buttons hung with substantial fox tails, like trophies from the hunting field, which are introduced at regular intervals, the tip of one tail just touching the head of another. The only additional note of colour is supplied by a turn-over collar of deep Solferino pink, or grasshopper green velvet, richly embroidered in pearls and tarnished gold or silver thread.

THE CITY MORTALITY.

The Municipal Office returns for the twenty four hours ending at 6 a. m. yesterday give the following results:—

Wards.	Plague Attacks.	Plague Deaths.	Deaths from all causes.
A Upper, Middle and Lower Colaba, Fort Northern, Fort Southern and Esplanade	0	0	3
B Mandvi, Chakla, Oomerkhadi and Dongri	0	0	10
C Market, Dhobi Talao, Fanaswady, Bhuleshwar, Khara Talao, and Kumbharwada	1	1	17
D Khetwadi, Girgaum, Chowpati, Walkeshwar, and Mahalaxmi	0	0	7
E Mazagon, Tarwadi, 2nd Nagpada, Kamatipura, Tardeo, Byculla and 1st Nagpada	0	0	20
F Parel, Sewree and Sion	0	0	15
G Mahim and Worli	0	0	6
Water Division	0	0	1
Non-Resident and Unknown	0	0	0
Hospitals	0	0	11
Total	1	1	90
Total plague deaths to date	141,705	5	105
Same date last year	7		

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Attack.	Death.
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THE RAT CAMPAIGN

The following table shows the results of the rat campaign:—

JANUARY, 13th 1908.

Ward.	Alive.	Dead.	Found Infected.
A	28	69	0
B	139	169	30
C	77	231	7
D	99	55	0
E	273	210	9
F & G	90	18	0
Total to date	703	782	36
Total rats killed			1,485

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THE TWO SERVICES.

The programme of new construction for which provision will be made in the forthcoming estimates has now been definitely settled. A prominent feature of it will be the practical expression of the cruiser policy which it was announced some months ago had been decided upon. All that can be said with any degree of safety is that the new cruisers will be an improvement on the "Edgar" class, in that high speed will, it is believed, be associated with heavy gun power. To what extent it will be possible to combine these qualities successfully in vessels which are intended for detached service in distant waters remains to be seen, but inasmuch as they are to be primarily designed for long-distance steaming, without breaking the passage to replenish with coal or oil fuel, speed should not, it is felt, be unduly sacrificed to gun power. It has been stated, apparently with some semblance of authority, that the new cruisers are to carry 9.2in. guns, but it is considered that this calibre is not required in vessels which are to have a big radius of steaming at high speed. The ideal vessel for policing the high seas in the interests of commerce protection and for "showing the flag" in isolated waters should have a displacement of, say, 8,000 tons, a maximum speed of 26 knots, a 3-inch armoured deck, with the main gun positions also well protected, while for the duties referred to the principal armament might adequately be represented by four or six 7.5in. guns, with a secondary battery of 4in. weapons. In view of the return to cruiser construction, the details of the principal characteristics of these vessels will be awaited with even more interest than the particulars relating to the cruisers of the "Boadicea" class, which will also figure in the shipbuilding programme for the ensuing financial year.

HOMOGENEITY IN TORPEDO ARMAMENT.

Advantage is being taken of the presence of torpedo craft flotillas at the dockyard ports to make headway with the rearrangement of the torpedo armament for destroyers and torpedo-boats on homogeneous lines. According to this scheme the vessels will be classified in groups, each class carrying a distinctive type of torpedo. For instance, the destroyers known as the "River" class will be given the latest C Mark of torpedo, and next in order of priority will come the submarines and the 30-knot destroyers. It is not intended to allocate even to the oldest boats an adolescent armament, the lowest charges being 200lb. of gun cotton. The value of this rearrangement will consist in the fact that each group of vessels, as regards torpedo armament, will have a standardised pattern, so that when necessity arises for changing either the bodies or the war heads from one unit to another the transfer will not be attended with inconvenience or delay. In a word, the various groups of torpedo craft and submarines will be brought into line with the self-contained principle which now so largely prevails among all classes of war vessels.

NEW GUNS AND NEW POWDER.

The naval authorities in France appear to be finding out the inevitable fact that they must follow the world in big guns as well as in big ship building. They will first carry out a series of experiments to help them to a decision as to the best calibre of weapon for mounting in the 21,000 ton battleships it is proposed should be laid down for the French Navy not later than the spring of 1909. Compared with the expedition of our own rate of building, this may appear to be a long date, but the French have too much to decide before they can settle all details for them to go ahead on a set of plans like we possess for our "Dreadnought" class. M. Thomson, however, has definitely declared that France must not be left behind in the big ship and big gun race, and has told his countrymen that naval fights in the future are far more likely to be long range artillery dules than battles fought out with primary and secondary armaments at middle range, as was the case at Tsushima between Togo and Rojestvensky. The distance he assumes is between 7,000 and 8,000 metres at a minimum. This view is also held in this country, as our all-big-gun ships demonstrate. The famous B powder of the French Navy, which was responsible for destroying the battleship "Iena" at Toulon, is also to be discarded in favour of a more reliable composition. A powder called the A.M.S. has been adopted for general use, and is being distributed to vessels of the "Patrie" class; largely through the conclusions expounded and so ably defended by Senator Monis, in regard to the danger of "powder B"

TO PURGE THE BORES OF GUNS.

The air-blast installation of the new cruiser "Shannon," for clearing the bores of the guns from back flame, proved to be entirely satisfactory during per recent gunnery trials. The blast was sent through the bore at various pressures from 1,000 to 2,000 pounds, and expelled the flame with ease when the muzzles of the guns were pointing toward a strong wind, and the danger of back-flame was at its maximum. This invention has been introduced to prevent such deplorable accidents in our own Navy as those that have occurred during the last year or two on board American battleships and cruisers. The latest accident in the American Navy did, as a matter of fact, occur in a turret in which the air-blast was actually fitted; but there exists considerable doubt as to whether the air was turned on at the moment the breech was opened, and the exposed charge for the gun was involved in the back flame which caused an explosion. When the apparatus is working properly the air is released at high pressure, to cleanse the bore of flame and gas, the moment the breech-block begins to move to the rear on being unlocked for reloading, and by the time the block has swung back the bore should be thoroughly purged and ready to receive the new projectile and charge. Carefully used, therefore, this preventative to accidents of the nature described above should be effective.

THE DENSHAWI OUTRAGE.

It is announced that the Egyptian authorities, with the consent of the British Government, have decided to pardon all the prisoners condemned for the Denshawi outrage. This is an act of clemency which may be justified in existing circumstances, and which it is hoped will be misinterpreted only by a few extremists, whose influence is believed to have diminished. There is, however, every reason for watching vigilantly the course of events in Egypt, nothing being more uncertain than the manifestations of fanaticism. In the autumn of 1904, when the proposal to withdraw the Line cavalry regiment was mooted, we gave warning as to the possible consequences, upon unimpeachable information. Since that time the frontier difficulty has arisen, and the incident of Denshawi was a straw showing the direction of stream. It was made clear in the evidence given before the special tribunal appointed to try the fellaheen for the murderous assault upon Captain Bull, Inniskilling Dragoons, and other British officers, that the victims were enticed to the scene of the outrage, which was premeditated and prepared. Four of the ringleaders were executed, two others were sentenced to penal servitude for life, four for fifteen years, and several to shorter periods. The punishment of imprisonment was deservedly severe, but within eighteen months it has all been remitted. Such clemency must surely be well justified, or it would not have been exercised. But the Radical Press has been writing in an unseemly fashion, and we hope nothing has been done under its pressure.

FIRE TACTICS.

Lieut.-Colonel McMahon's lecture at Aldershot on "Fire Fighting" was probably, as General Grierson said, the most important ever delivered before the Aldershot Military Society. It was an exposition of modern theory and practice. Divergent views are held as to the relative values of fire effect and protection in different countries and it must not be supposed that Continental States ignore modern developments merely because they regard vulnerability as less important than attack with surprise initiative, and other advantages. The Japanese appear to have changed their tactics very little since the war, although modifications were foreshadowed. It is therefore necessary for us frequently to reconsider and analyse our system of fire tactics in view of advances on the Continent. Progress did not end with Manchuria, and even now the possibilities of fire power are but partially recognised. It may be true that the new quick-firing guns are not thought of quite so highly by our artillery officers—who are probably better equipped to understand the working of them than foreign soldiers—as they are on the Continent, but, nevertheless, we recognise to the full as has been seen at Aldershot, that approach by night and entrenchment of fire positions, are now probably essential in position fighting over open ground.

EFFECT OF THE NEW AMMUNITION.

Other considerations are now arising, and the new ammunition may solve difficulties of judging distance up to the limit of average vision. Accuracy of fire will be greatly increased in the decisive zone, and the danger zone will extend to a wider limit, even beyond the training of the eyesight. In these conditions Colonel McMahon insisted upon the difficulty of combining all the efforts of the fire units for a common purpose. The difficulties are no doubt enormous, and great freedom must be allowed to company officers, who are to display individuality and initiative. That they may be successful in this, there must be well-established principles, definite orders and mutual understanding. In view of the fact that company officers were charged with want of initiative in South Africa, it is necessary to understand the principles of fire fighting and the difficulties to be met with, unless there are definite orders, to attain converging fires, simultaneity, volume, and application of fire. The German conception of the moral effect of fire and the object of the individual training of the soldier, differ materially from our own. Colonel McMahon showed conclusively that infantry fire duties grouped best as fire organisation, direction, control, and discipline. Preparation in all these is necessary for a proper organisation and combination of fire.

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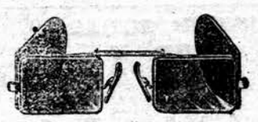

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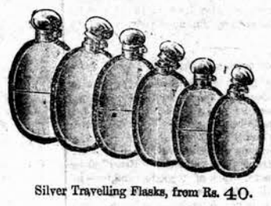

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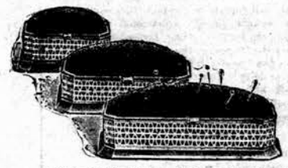

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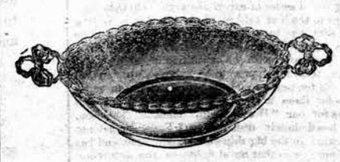

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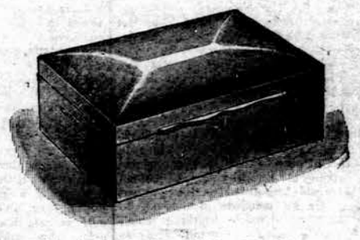

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